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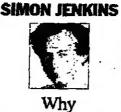
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Supermarkets review policy

Beef industry faces ruin as bans spread

BY CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE beef industry was staring ruin in the face last night as the world boycon of British meat and cattle spread and the European Commission declared the unilateral bans by nine EU countries legal.

As prices continued to plummet at cattle markets, the Consumers' Association gave the starkest warning yet to people to stop eating beef products, and supermarkets urgently reviewed their buying and labelling policies.

MPs alarmed by the fallout from the announcement on Wednesday that "mad cow" disease might have been responsible for fatal brain illnesses in humans set up an inquiry into the handling of the affair and summoned ministers and health experts to give evidence next week.

By then, the Government's ientific advisers should have: reported on the vital question whether it is sale for European Commission will have ruled on what measures, if any, should be taken by the

EU. Tough action, and possibly an outright ban, now seems almost inevitable in the face of the continent-wide panic that has led to most members of the Community closing their borders to British beef

The Commission will make its decision on Monday after hearing advice from its veterinary committee, and yesterday a panel of independent experts were reviewing Brit-

On Thursday, officials had said that France and other EU nations were acting illegally by imposing bans without giving prior notice, but in a sharp change of tune yesterday the Commission said that it had been mistaken since the countries had been responding to a legitimate concern over public health. That view was backed by the Commission President, Jacques Santer, whose spokesman said: question. This is a very important public health question which concerns us all."

Rhodesia farm gaffe puts Clarke in a stew

KENNETH CLARKE was at Clarke, in an apparent referthe centre of a Mad Chancellor scare yesterday after joking about the plight of farmers facing ruin in the wake of the BSE scare.

The trouble is the farmers will want me to compensate them." Mr Clarke lamented loudly to Herbert Murerwa. Zimbabwe's acting Finance Minister, who was asking about the possibility of slaughtering all Britain's 12 million

The Chancellor was presumably reflecting that the likely £7 billion cost would wipe out all hope of pre-

election tax cuts. When I was Minister of Health we managed to lose 150 people," continued a jovial Mr

By Michael Hartnack and Nicholas Wood ence to the death toll from

> listeria outbreaks and the salmonella-in-eggs affair.

Earlier in his ten-day African trade safari. Mr Clarke had raised Foreign Office eyebrows by shaking hands with a giant yellow condom in Soweto. Yesterday, the Chancellor perpetrated an even graver solecism by blithely referring to his host country by the taboo colonial name of Rhodesia.

After a 90-minute meeting with Robert Mugabe, Mr Clarke dug deeper into one of his famous holes, by siding with Zimbahwe's blacks against the Foreign Office in a long-running row over the transfer of economic power.

The Commission insisted that it would not be rushed to action, saying: "We are obviously at the peak of the reaction, so there should be no rash decisions." But officials acknowledged that pressure for radical measures was so great that the Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler was virtually obliged to fall into line with the demands for at least a temporary ban.

Herr Fischler will have to weigh up delicate political factors in reaching his decision. He will have to consider not only the scientific advice and the Commission's credibility as the guardian of European well-being, but also take into account the need to save the Community's beef industry from "meltdown" and the danger of intensifying British hostility to Brussels. "It's a hell of a painful problem," one Commission official said. "We are not going to get Officials are working on the likely impact of a full-blown beef crisis, which could mean a return to the food mountains that caused such public anger in the 1980s. The EU is the world's second beef producer after the United States, accounting for nearly 15 percent of world output, and a seach in a second by crash in prices followed by a glut could impose a huge drain on the Common Agriculture Policy because Brus-sels would be forced to buy excess supplies. Under the intervention rules, the larm authorities must buy up stocks if the price falls by about 20 per cent from its recent average - cattle prices were down by up to 28 per cent at some

British markets yesterday. Officials said it was unclear what intervention could be applied to suspected British beef since the practice is to buy in meat for storage and later use. Under existing rules, beef Continued on page 2. col 3

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PHILIP HALL, a British ornithologist.

was hot on the trail of one of the

world's rarest owls. His hopes were high as he ventured into a village in

Nigeria where the bird had been sighted.

But his excitement turned to horror

when local people said they had killed



Elizabeth Forsyth being led away fron Chichester Rents yesterday after being convicted of handling nearly £400,000 in stolen funds

Nadir thwarted by aide's conviction

JON ASHWORTH AND JOANNA PITMAN

ASIL NADIR, the fugitive millionaire former head of Polly Peck International, had his hopes of a triumphal return to Britain from his home in northern Cyprus dashed yesterday when his former aide was convicted at London's central criminal court of handling nearly

Elizabeth Forsyth, 59, who oversaw Nadir's private business interests, had denied laundering money during a visit to Switzerland in 1989.

After a five-week trial it took the jury of seven women and five men !! hours and 4! minutes to reach a 10-to-one guilty verdict on each of two counts of handling stolen money. Mrs Forsyth, who was legally aided, had returned

Cyprus in September 1994 to face Serious Fraud Office questions.

As the news of the conviction reached northern Cyprus. the Nadir camp fell into a controlled fury and began preparing to launch a series of appeals. Having promised to give a press conference whatever the verdict, Nadir refused to appear. Instead Peter Dimand, the British pilot who

he jumped bail in May 1993, told the press: "We'll appeal, we'll take it to Europe. We'll get them ithe Serious Fraud

Office] in the end, you'll see."
Mr Justice Tucker rejected an application for bail and ordered Mrs Forsyth to be remanded in custody for presentence reports. She is likely to be sentenced on the two charges, which each carry a maximum of 14 years, in three

told her that she must "be under no illusion on the likely outcome of the sentence"

Mrs Forsyth embraced her 88-year-old mother, Margaret McAlpine, before being taken to Holloway prison in north London. As she left the court Mrs McAlpine said: "My daughter is strong and she will fight back."

Jet-setting bankrupt, page 4

GP used patients as guinea-pigs

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

CORRESPONDENT A SENIOR general practitio-ner who used his patients for

drugs trials without their consent was yesterday ordered to be struck off.

Geoffrey Fairhurst, 57, of Warrington, Cheshire, a member of a medical ethics committee and former justice of the peace and government adviser on health, was paid £15,000 to provide guinea-pigs

that morning. All that remained of the rufous fishing owl (Scotopelia ussheri) was its head, some feathers and a few

The story of the unfortunate owl, so

rare that only about 30 sightings have

ever been reported, comes in a faxed message to the African Bird Club in

Britain. Mr Hall, who emigrated to

Nigeria from Derby 24 years ago and

bones in the cooking pot.

try. A committee of the General Medical Council found him guilty of serious professional misconduct involving four patients using potentially dan-

gerous drugs.

Sir Donald Irvine, president of the council, told him: "Trust lies at the heart of the practice of medicine . . . Where doctors intend to involve patients in clinical trials, it is essential that they first give those patients a proper explanation ... Your behaviour has not

Ornithologist finds that his rare owl was bird in the pot

only been dishonourable in itself, but has also placed the welfare of patients at risk."

Dr Fairhurst was reported by Dr David Edwards, his

colleague at his practice in St Helens, Merseyside, who was subjected to a great deal of vitriol, the hearing was fold. Sir Donald reminded all doctors of their duty to take action where they suspected col-leagues of unprofessional

Dr Fairhurst was accused of forging the signatures of four sums by Glaxo Pharmaceutical and other drugs companies

between 1988 and 1995. Nicola Davies, QC. for Dr Fairhurst, said the GMC could not prove forensically who had written the false signatures on consent forms. She was not suggesting that

the patients who gave evidence were lying, but it was significant that they had all been in ill health and on different medications for many years.

"Unfortunately, very little was left of

the bird, apart from one of its yellow

legs, the decomposing head which

clearly showed the yellow cere on the

bill, and several dark-barred rufous

primary wing feathers."
The British Trust for Ornithology

and eaten that very morning.

School reopens in Dunblane

The children of Dunblane returned to their primary school for the first time since the massacre of 16 pupils and their teacher ten days ago. The gym where the shootings took place has been sealed and boarded up. Ron Taylor, the head-

master, greeted his pupils and then spoke to a pool of reporters and photographers. He said the evil that had come last week had Pages 5, 23

Euro-sceptics form new body

Euro-sceptic Tory MPs have secretly formed an organisation to press for a tough line at the Turin intergovernmental conference on Europe, which starts next Friday

Bill Cash is chairing the new body - the IGC Monitoring Group Page 2

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his fax that after catching a glimpse of the bird, which is about twice the size of

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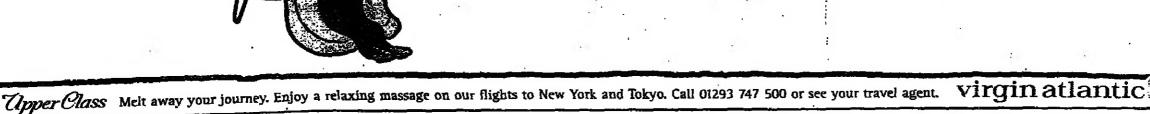
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CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EURO-SCEPTIC Tory MPs are organising their forces for another assault on the Government's European policy. They have secretly formed a new organisation to press for a tough line at the intergovern-mental conference (IGC) on the future of Europe, which starts next

Their move will be regarded with alarm by John Major and moderate Cabinet ministers, who suffered bad-

ly at the hands of the sceptics during the Maastricht rebellion.

Bill Cash, one of the foremost opponents of the Government's European stance, is chairing the new body - the IGC Monitoring Group. The group, which has held two meetings attended by about 40 Conservatives, is acting as an um-brella body, helping to co-ordinate sceptic attempts to stiffen Mr Major's

backbone in the iGC bargaining. Leading members of two other key factions - the 14-strong European Research Group and the Group of

Eight, made up of the former whipless Tory MPs — have attended the meetings. Norman Lamont, Sir Ivan Lawrence and John Townend. all members of the European Research Group, and Sir Teddy Taylor and Christopher Gill, formerly whipless, are among those who have been present. John Redwood, who

challenged Mr Major in the summer.

is also taking part. The new group showed its teeth in Thursday night's debate on the Government's White Paper on Europe when its leading lights queued up to reject Malcolm Rifkind's stonewalling approach to the IGC. They want the Prime Minister to rule out a single currency. claw back powers from Brussels and assert national sovereignty over

the European Court of Justice. It is understood that the group met shortly before the debate to plot tactics and arguments. Despite the sceptical tone of his White Paper and his Commons speech, the Foreign Secretary was mauled by many of his

backbenchers. Sceptics said the pres-

ence of one-time pro-Europeans,

Key and Charles Wardle, at their gatherings was evidence of the annifederalist groundswell building within the party.

☐ Labour would storm home in the forthcoming Staffordshire South-East by-election, according to a survey in the Birmingham Evening Mail that shows the Conservatives would probably be forced into a battle for second place with the Liberal Democrats. At the last election the late Sir David Lightbown won the seat with a 7,192 majority.

IRA dashes peace hopes by rejecting election plan

IREIAND CORRESPONDENT

The IRA dashed hopes of an imminent ceasefire yesterday when it rejected John Major's plans for elections in Northern reland as "unacceptable".

As the Irish National Liberation Army threatened a new campaign of violence in the wake of Mr Major's announcement, the IRA condemned the election proposals, Amid nationalist fury, a senior IRA source told BBC Radio Ulster that the plan did not have the "dynamic needed to carry all parties to meaningful peace negotiations free from all conditions".

Republicans believe that the Government and Unionists want to use elections to delay the start of all-party negotiations in Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein, which described Mr Major's plan as "anathema to nationalists", said yesterday that it had lessened the chances of an IRA ceasefire.

Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's chairman, who was speaking before the comments by the IRA source, said: "I believe that, in these circumstances, the arguments that would be necessary to convince the IRA leadership do not emerge. They are not

Gerry Adams will spell out Sinn Fein's objections at his party's annual conference in Dublin tonight. However, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, yesterday dismissed them. Also speaking on BBC Radio Ul-



Members of the Irish Republican Socialist Party announcing the INLA's decision

see no reason why a party which claims to be democratic should wish to be deterred by elections ... which are a gateway through to the negoti-ations that they say they wanted to take part in for so

long." Sir Patrick also struck an no party had said it would boycott the elections. He said: "I'm encouraged to hear that nobody is saying as yet that they're not going to take part in the elections.

"Of course people in Northern Ireland want their politicians to sit down and negotiate." However, the

ster, Sir Patrick said: "I can INLA provided a stark reminder yesterday of the terrorist threat in Northern Ireland when it announced that it had placed its "units" on stand-by.

> The terrorists said they would act "from a position of defence and retaliation". This was seen as a threat to the security forces and to loyalist paramilitaries if they break their ceasefire.

> The republican terrorists, who have observed a de facto ceasefire since the IRA truce in August 1994, said: "We cannot look on idly as the British cynically draw out and fudge attempts at a negotiated settlement." However, the threat

was also seen as an attempt by the INLA leadership to reassert its authority amid an internal feud which has claimed three lives.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, is expected today to call on the British and Irish governments to crack down on the IRA. In his first speech as leader to his party's annual meeting. Mr Trimble is likely to say that there is no prospect of the Republican movement committing itself to exclusively peaceful means and to insist that at the start of all-party talks on June 10 every political party must renounce violence, a principle of the Mitchell report.

Warsaw from where Jews were sent to Treblinka.

The Ministry of Defence was urged yesterday to fit cockpit voice recorders to all RAF Chinook helicopters by Sheriff Sir Stephen Young, who held a fatal accident inquiry into the death of 25 anti-terrorist experts and four crew of a Chinook that crashed in fog in 1994. The MoD said that, partly for budgetary reasons, cockpit voice recorders and black boxes would not be installed until 1997-98.

National paedophile

The Home Secretary is planning to set up a nationwide register of convicted paedophiles to prevent them attacking or working with children again. He is also to put forward

plans for tightening arrangements for supervising convicted sex offenders after they are released from prison.

Proposals being studied are a new residential order and

a child protection order. A judge would impose a residential order on a convicted paedophile, placing him under a lifelong duty to inform police where he lived. The

thild protection order would bar a convicted paedophile from working with children.

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The Queen will now lay a wreath in Warsaw to the memory of Jews who died in the Holocaust. Jewish leaders had

expressed disappointment that during her state visit to

Poland next week the Queen would not visit any former

Nazi concentration camp. But the royal itingrary was amended to include a ceremony at the Umshlagplatz in

Chinook black box call

Queen to honour Jews

register to be set up

Footballers to stand trial

Three soccer stars are to stand trial at Crown Court over match-fixing claims. Bruce Grobbelaar, 38, John Fashanu, 32, formerly of Aston Villa, and Hans Segers, 34, were committed to Winchester Crown Court with a Malaysian businessman. Heng Lim, by a magistrate at Eastleigh. Hampshire. They are accused of conspiring to give and accept money to influence match results.

Labour asked to rethink

A High Court judge invited Labour's National Executive Committee to rethink its decision to impose a candidate to fight Swindon North. Jim D'Avila, a union shop steward, had sought an injunction banning the NEC from endorsing any candidate until a new ballot had been held. on the ground that selection by committee was irrational and against the principle of one member, one vote.

Life for dog row killer

A man who murdered his neighbour because his puppy would not stop barking was jailed for life yesterday at Winchester Crown Court. Nicholas Farnell, 33, attacked Bill Pottage, 56, a factory manager, with a crowbar in front of his wife as the couple returned from a shopping trip. Farnell, a roofer, of Waterlooville, Hampshire, had denied murder but admitted manslaughter.

new law

RSPCA warns hunters

The RSPCA told supporters of forhunting that it was on its guard against infiltration. Hundreds of field-sports enthusiasts are said to have applied for membership in an attempt to soften the organisation's opposition to hunting. Ron Kirkby, chairman of its governing council, said: "We wish to reiterate the society's policy of total opposition to hunting with dogs."

Beef industry facing ruin

Continued from page ! could not be bought for incin-

And while the EU is equipped to sustain beef prices, there is no mechanism for the emergency relief of farmers who might be re-quired to slaughter whole herds, officials said. British officials in Brussels said they would expect the EU to provide compensation. While Commission officials

were reviewing the crisis in Brussels yesterday, Britain's "mad cow" disease experts

quences of their answer, even WHO said it believed that the if it means the destruction of the entire national herd, and a Commons statement is expected on Monday.

Stephen Dorrell will also have to answer the Health and Agriculture select committees, which have set up a joint inquiry into the whole affair. The Agriculture Minister. Douglas Hogg, will be called, too, along with the Government's health, veterinary and scientific advisers.

The World Health Organisation's European Centre for Environment and Health is also calling for an immediate meeting of international experts to assess the public risks of "mad cow" disease, but

controls imposed in Britain were adequate. Dr Lindsay Martinez, a specialist on emerging diseases, said there was still no proven link between the condition and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans and the measures taken were prudent and effective.

Nevertheless, the Consumers' Association said the only guarantee of salety was to stop eating beef. Its director, Sheil McKechnie, said: There is currently an unquantifiable risk in eating beef. Consumers who want to avoid the risk of BSE have no choice but to cut out beef and beef products

Tory MP in Labour row meets critics

THE Tory MP for Leominster. Peter Temple-Morris, rejected demands from some local party activists yesterday to stand down after claims that he was out of step with Conservative ideology.

One of the leading figures on the party's left, Mr Temple-Morris, attempted last night at a constituency association meeeting to placate critics infuriated by a newspaper interview in which he suggested that, if he were entering politics now, he might join Labour or the Liberal Democrats. There was no attempt to

Old Trafford for Man Utd. v Spurs were meeting in private to answer the Health Secretary's key question: are children more at risk? Ministers have promised to accept the conse-National Savings Key Plus Points CHOICE OF THE DAY

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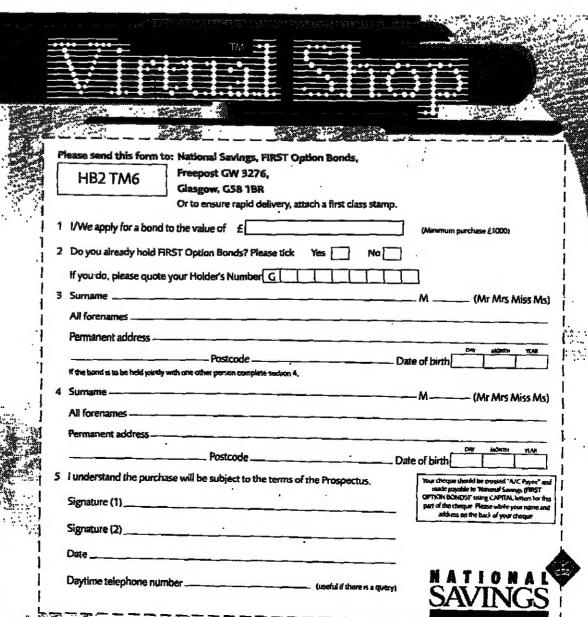
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Struck-off GP ruled on ethics

Patients trusted doctor who used lover to falsify drug trial results

A FAMILY doctor who was ordered to be struck off the medical register yesterday was so trusted by patients and staff that he was able to get away with his fraud for years. Geoffrey Fairhurst used his lover Debbie Barker, a research assistant, to fulsify records for his lucrative drugs

Dr Fairhurst was finally caught out by David Edwards. the practice partner he used to bully, who reported his suspi-cions of fraud to the General Medical Council.

Dr Fairhurst's patients had such faith in him that they unquestioningly accepted his explanations for his occasional odd behaviour. Constance Jerram. 74, who was confined to a wheelchair, wondered why the general practitioner seemed so keen to take samples of her blood, but never doubted that he was putting her interests first.

"I thought he was looking after me. I didn't question him. I trusted him," Mrs Jerram, a widow who suffers from rheumatoid arthritis and chronic bronchitis, told the disciplinary hearing.

"Dr Fairhurst never asked me to go into any trial or test," Mrs Jerram said. Yet he apparently signed her up for trial of two drugs in 1993. Twice in a fortnight he took three phials of her blood.

l asked him if he was looking for something specific, He said not really. He said he was testing. That was the only time he said the word test." Mrs Jerram said. "The second time he took three more and the next visit I asked him if he had the results. He said,



Fairhurst: caught out by bullied partner

they're fine. I never got to find out the results. He never showed me a consent form." Ms Barker admitted her former lover told her to put the wrong date on electrocardiogram records of patients taking part in drugs trials. "At the time I thought I would be the next Mrs Fairhurst," she

The ECGs had to be carried out on a specific date laid down as part of the trials. They were often carried out on other dates and she was told to backdate the records to make it look as if nothing was amiss.
To try to cover his tracks, Dr

Fairhurst told a patient, Sandra Noble, that his colleague Dr Edwards was giving her husband Harry, 74, a poten-tially lethal drug. "I had known Dr Fairhurst for about 14 years. He had been a good doctor to me," Mrs Noble said. "He said that Dr Edwards had my husband on a study. I said is it dangerous and he

said yes. He said Dr Edwards got paid for it. He said it was \$500 I think. I said could it kill him and he said yes. I just went to pieces. I went home and woke my husband up to tell him about what was going on and to stop taking the

Fairhurst was caught after the unrelated death of another patient. Dr Edwards told the hearing: Dr Fairhurst ap-peared to be carrying out his clinical trials in treatment time. The finances from this went solely into his private company,
"I had access to his consult-

ing room which was next to mine but his research work was in separate offices which were kept locked upstairs. Following the death of one patient it became clear to me that patients were entered in clinical trials without informed consent."

In another attempt to cover the traces, Dr Fairhurst ordered Irene Hill, a practice nurse, to prepare fake electrocardiogram test results using a list of patients. "I did not appreciate I might have been doing something wrong," she said. "He was my boss and he told me to do it."

For ten years Dr Geoffrey Fairhurst was a member of the local medical ethics committee in St Helens and Knowsley,

Dr Bijoy Sinha, secretary of the local medical committee which nominated Fairhurst on to the ethics committee, said yesterday he was shocked at yesterday's finding. "I have known Dr Fairhurst for 20 years and I have always been struck by his professional integrity," he said. "That is one of the reasons he was elected on to the committee."



Bronwen Preston and Karl Long carrying their instruments from the Royal Marines School of Music, supervised by Lt Allen Head

Deal bids a final farewell to Royal Marines

By JOHN YOUNG

THE people of Deal in Kent, turned out in their thousands in the rain yesterday to bid an emotional farewell to the Royal Marines who have been associated with the town for more than 135 years.

With recollections of the IRA bombing which killed 11 bandsmen seven years ago still fresh, there was strict security, with cars banned from the route of the march, telephone boxes sealed and policemen

searching the basement areas in front of houses. Last night's cere-mony began with Farewell To Deal, a musical fanfare written for the occasion. There followed a musical recreation of the Battle of Trafalgar, including a spectacular display of fireworks, before the lowering of the Union Flag in the parade ground outside the officers' mess.

Bandsmen from the Royal Marines School of Music marched through the town, ending with the sunset ceremony, the traditional military farewell to fallen and departed comrades. The attachment of local people to the Marines was shown after the IRA bombing, when they raised more than £1 million for victims' families. Margaret Thatcher, then Prime Minister, said the heart of the town would be torn out if the school closed, but financial considerations have since forced a change of mind and the bandsmen will be transferred to Portsmouth

Commander Philip Wilson, the

school's head, said: "The barracks here can house 2,500 people but we are down to the low hundreds. It doesn't make economic sense for the politicians to keep it open."

Marianne McNicholas, who was Mayor of Deal at the time of the bombing said: The Marines hold a special place in British hearts, and in Deal we are fiercely proud of them." The Marines have been in Deal since 1860, when they took over a hospital for casualties from the

On-spot fines if dogs fall foul of new law

By JAMES LANDALE

OWNERS of dogs that foul public places face on-the-spot fines imposed by council workers under proposals approved by the Commons yesterday. Those who failed to pay within a fortnight could be fined up to £1,000 in court.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Bill, which is expected to becme law later this year, would allow councils to designate public areus as "messfree zones". It would be no defence for owners to say that they were unaware that a nuisance had been caused.

At present, local authorities have to use bylaws to prose-cute offenders through the courts and are deterred by the cost. The current maximum

The Bill, which creates a national offence, passed its final stage unopposed in the Commons and goes to the Lords. A similar Bill failed in the Upper House last year after peers expressed fears that it could be used by councils to ban hunting on some land. The new Bill closes that loophole by outlining areas where the law would not apply. They include National farmland, woods, moors and commons.

Under bylaws, councils need permission from the Environment Secretary to designate areas and can face delays of several years. The Bill, which applies to England and Wales, allows councils to designate outdoor areas themselves. Although the law would apply to private land, it would not be enforceable without the owner's consent.

The Bill was welcomed by environmental groups and "pooper-scooper" manufacturers. Steve Roby, sales manager for Happy Pet Products, said: Lots of people are cleaning up after their dogs already, but this measure will catch people who have yet got round to doing so."

James Clappison, a junior Environment Minister, said the Bill would be welcomed by dog-owners "because they want to see and promote wing, where he recovered. He responsible dog-ownership". | was later transferred to a



Prosser is filmed being taken to the prison hospital

Prison suicide attempt blamed on TV film crew

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

THE governor of Dartmoor the-wall television documentary crew of prompting a convicted murderer to attempt suicide in front of the cameras as a deliberate ploy to gain

media exposure. John Lawrence said he was convinced that Royston Prosser, who is serving a life sentence for murder, would not have risked his life by taking an overdose of para-ceternol tablets had television cameras not been present to film the incident.

It was a totally manipulative gesture on his part. He was clearly acting up for the cameras," Mr Lawrence said. Prosser was filmed stuffing

the pills into his mouth for a minute and a half by a crew from the independent production company Two Four. He told them he would rather take his own life than agree to be transferred to Cardiff.

Addressing the camera, he says: "I'm afraid I'm going have to take certain precautions now, I may have to take my own life ... I'm taking another 12 (tablets) now, alright? ... Some more. That's

52 tablets." The crew claim to have saved his life by raising the alarm. They filmed him collapsing on a bench and being taken to the prison hospital

prison of his choice. Mr Lawrence said that the television crew had allowed themselves to be manipulated by Prosser, who had threatened suicide before.

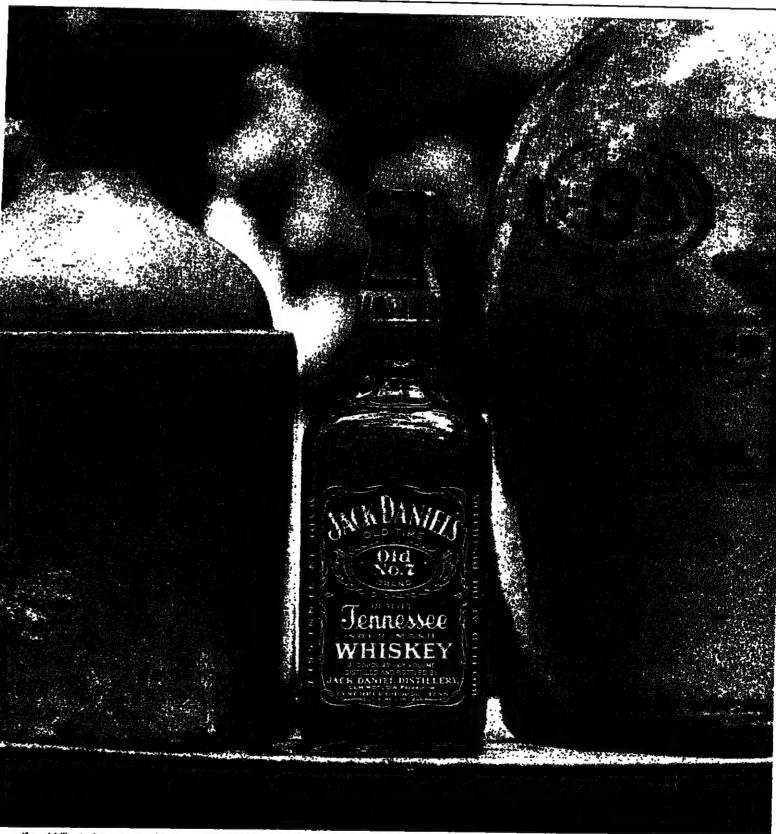
He added, however, that it would have been too expensive to assign a prison officer to accompany the crew all the time. Instead they were given a set of security keys, which allowed them to move freely

from wing to wing.

Don Wood, branch secretary of the Prison Officers' Association at Dartmoor, said: The cameras create a totally false atmosphere. The prisoners only show what they want to show. The minute you bring cameras in it raises the tension. All of the banter between the officers and prisoners dis-

appears," he said, Mr Wood, who has 20 years' experience in the service, accused the programme-makers of behaving irresponsibly by waiting for Prosser to swallow the tablets, before raising the

Andy Kemp, director of the film, which is to be shown on ITV this spring, conceded that the presence of the crew probably prompted Prosser to act when he did. "It was a golden opportunity for him that he could be caught on camera, but I have no doubt that he would have done it anyway at some point," he



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Jet-setting banker laundered cash to pay Nadir's debts

LAST night, as Elizabeth Forsyth was taken to Holloway Prison in London after being convicted on two counts of handling £400,000 of stolen money, she must have contem-plated how far she had fallen.

She might remember that fateful autumn day in 1989 when her Range Rover swept through the streets of Geneva. As a former banker to Saudi princes and other wealthy foreigners, she had walked around London carrying El million or more in cash and was used to the vagaries of the rich. She led a jet-set life, flitting between the UK, Switzerland and northern Cyprus in her role as personal adviser founder of Polly Peck International (PPI).

Unusual requests were all part of the job Forsyth, then 50, had taken on in June 1987. She left her position looking after "high net worth" private customers at Citibank in Square, London, where Mr Nadir was one of her clients. Part of the



Nadir: hired Forsyth as trusted aide

contract worth £45,000 a year, plus car and expenses. Earlier on that day in Geneva, Forsyth had received a call from Jason Davies, a former colleague from London working for Mr Nadir in Switzerland, and now believed to be in Spain. He told her that

return to haunt Forsyth 62

awaiting collection at a local

investigation by the Serious Fraud Office. She claimed not to have noticed the name PPI on a receipt when she collected the money, packaged in bun-

She saw nothing improper in paying £310,000 in cash into a bank round the corner; nor in carrying £88,050 back to London in a briefcase. Mr Davies had given her a perfectly reasonable explanation for it all, but she could not recall what it was.

Clearly, the jury of seven women and five men did not believe Forsyth, who was found guilty by a majority of 11-1. The money was trans-ferred from PPI to Switzerland and sent back to the UK to settle Mr Nadir's private

The bulk went to pay for shares purchased by A J Bekhor, a now defunct firm of stockbrokers. The rest went to buy cattle for the Baggrave estate in Leicestershire, which Mr Nadir was seeking to turn into a model of farming the sum of £400,000 was

Forsyth's lawyers argued that the £400,000 had been



by local investors and had never been "stolen". But too many questions remained unanswered. Why send the money on a round trip to Switzerland at considerable expense when it could easily be transferred in London? Why carry such large sums in cash, when a cheque would

Forsyth's stint in the witness

was a highly articulate and board" for a triumphal return to Britain. The Serious Fraud intelligent woman who suf-Office has 66 potential charges fered a surprising lapse of involving £150 million to memory when it came to this bring. A warrant for his arrest one particular transaction. remains outstanding. Surely, as an ex-banker, she could not have failed to spot For the jury, the burden of the PPI name on the receipt

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something was amiss. Her conviction bodes ill for Mr Nadir, who was hoping to

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suspicion relating to Mr Nadir pointed to northern Cyprus and Unipac a PPI subsidiary which made cardboard boxes. Expert witnesses said ledgers, cash books and

bank statements listing cash payments into Unipac on behalf of PPI appeared genuine, but could not rule out the possibility that they had been

The sums purportedly de-posited — billions in Turkish lira - might have exceeded all the currency in circulation in the territory. Such transactions simply were not possible.

ly to Britain from northern Cyprus in September 1994. As chairman of South Audley Management (SAM), set up to oversee Mr Nadir's private interests, she maintained all along that she was no more than a trusted lieutenant. liaising with accountants, and purchasing cattle for

The jury clearly thought

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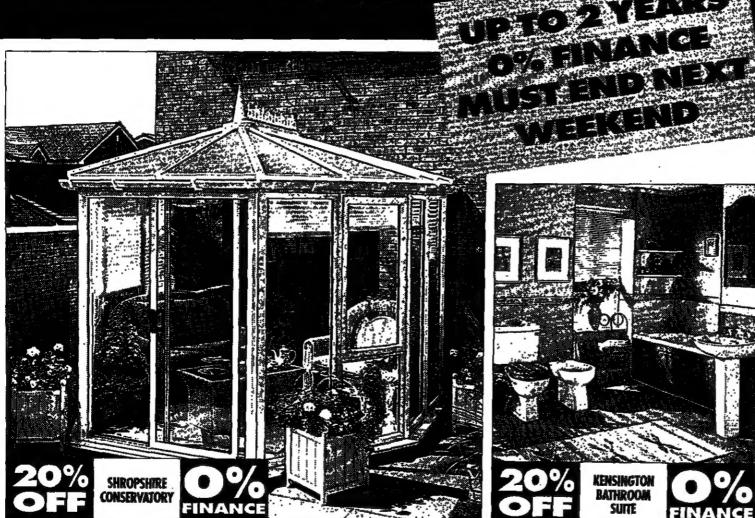
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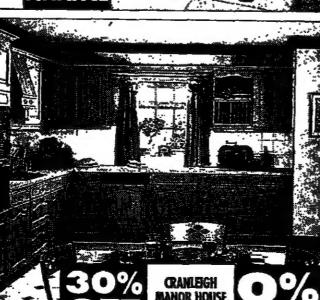
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The high-flyer who wanted good things but fell to earth

ELIZABETH FORSYTH was a City banker, horse breeder and grandmother. She dealt with the rich and powerful: those people trust-ed Forsyth. Doors would

command of company and axation structures brought her respect and attention:

today in awe of Mr Nadir, but people close to her dismiss suggestions of a romantic crush. "I got on well with him - very well. I respected his business acomen. His only interest was his company, Polly Peck, which had started as a family business back in the Seventies,"

told the jury at her trial. Forsyth said she had no reason to doubt Mr Nadir's bonesty or integrity, but it was not the first time she had been involved with a man who later clashed with the law. Her former husband, Hamish Forsyth, a City financier, was jailed for 18 months in 1987 for cheating elderly

relatives out of £23,000. A newspaper report of the court proceedings at the time quoted his barrister. Samuel Parrish, as blaming her for squandering money. "This is a story of a weak man with a strong wife who had the inclination to spend money like water and expected her hus-band to provide it," he said.

"Mrs Forsyth persuaded him to move to a larger house, and she wanted him to buy horses, horse boxes, a Land Rover, ponies for her children and private school fees for her son. It's the

pleads for money for her children's education and pleads for a house to keep up with the Joneses.

"Wives can do a great deal to manipulate a husband to a major extent and this man is, a victim of such manipula Parrish added, had now left Hamish for another man.

During the court proceedwas disclosed that Forsyth had jetted across the world on Nadir family business and had spent time trying to develop Baggrave Farm, an estate in Leicestershire.

The businessman was an invisible presence throughout the trial. There was a moment when he seemed close to giving evidence in Forsyth's defence in the same court from which be fled three years ago.

Forsyth's lawyers asked for permission for Mr Nadir to give evidence by video-link from northern Cyprus, but the application was turned down by Mr Justice Tucker.

At one stage she owned two houses — one in Chelsea and another in Mrs Thatcher's family town of Grantham. As a breeder of horses, she once gained third place in the East of England Hunter Class. Forsyth, who is twice divorced, was brought up in Great Dunmow, Essex, and was educated at a private school. She is devoted to her mother, who appeared several times in court during her case. She has a son, daughter and an eight-year-old granddaughter. Her book, Who Killed Polly Peck?, is due to

Swiss pair refused to give evidence

By Jon Ashworth

THE Attorney-General is to consider the case of two Swissbased British businessmen who declined to give evidence in the case of Elizabeth Forsyth. Ian McNeil and Roger Leopard, directors of Rhone Finance in Geneva, were heavily criticised by the trial judge; Mr Justice Tucker.

Reporting on the action was prohibited until the conclusion of proceedings against Mrs Forsyth. The trial was adjourned for four days to allow Mr Leopard to attend and a live television link-up was provided in Geneva for Mr McNeil, who was said to be too ill to travel to Britain.

David Calvert-Smith, for the Serious Fraud Office, was obliged to request a further adjournment, after receiving assurances that Mr Leopard would attend a day later than planned. Television studios were kept available for Mr McNeil at a cost of £20,000.

Mr Calvert-Smith then told the judge that Mr Leopard had taken advice from lawyers in Switzerland and been warned of undesirable consequences if he gave evidence. There was a fear that his answers might breach Swiss confidentiality laws, leaving him exposed to legal action. and further fears of "some sort of reprisal". Mr McNeil voiced similar concerns. The SFO suggested measures to help them but they both

declined to appear. The court heard there must have been a strong suspicion that the pair "never intended to give evidence at all". Geoffrey Robertson, QC, for the defence, told the judge of his suspicions that they would never turn up in any shape or form".

☐ The London Evening Standard and The Independent have been referred to the Attorney-General over "deplorable" articles at a sensitive

'After a long, dark week full of tears, today marks the beginning of our recovery'

Children's return renews hope at Dunblane school

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Ron Taylor yesterday: he said that his priority was

THE children of Dunblane returned to their primary school yesterday, some skip-ping, laughing and fighting, others sombre and clinging to their parents for reassurance.

It was the first time since the massacre of to pupils and their teacher in the school ten days ago that children had returned. The gym where the shootings took place has been sealed and boarded up.

Ron Taylor, the headmaster who was one of the first on the scene after the killings and who has spoken of the evil that visited the school, was there to greet his pupils. He emerged shortly after the school opened to speak to a small number of representative reporters and

photographers who had gathered outside with the full co-We have really one priority operation of the education becomes a happy place of authorities, parents and police. "As you can imagine, this has been a long, dark

learning once again."

He said the school would return to its usual timetable week full of tears. Dunblane is next week and after the Easter still in mourning. However, the evil that came last week holidays teachers would ex-pect the usual high standard has gone. This is a very work produced by the important day for us because it marks the beginning of our

Not all the 700 pupils re-turned yesterday but Central Regional Council said no register was taken. It was a half-"I was walking around the day and children and parents school and I came across a group of children laughing were free to come and go as they liked. Coffee was served to parents in the library and counsellors and social workers were on hand.

The first child arrived at 8.15am, a girl of about five with long blonde hair, accompanied by her parents. She skipped up the drive, eager to meet friends. A father who took his two boys to the school gates leant down, spoke to them quietly and put an arm around their shoulders before

Other pupils arrived in small groups, brothers and sisters holding hands, some clutching favourite toys. Once through the gates, many broke into a run to greet friends they had not seen for days. The children gathered at first in groups in the playground and one small group played a game of tag. Some chatted to a police-

man inside the grounds. Most of the police activity has disappeared from the school. as have the flowers and soft toys that lined the pavement. They have been taken to the tery. Dunblane Cathedral and a church hall.

Mr Taylor said that the flowers and cards had been appreciated. "With the help of all the people in Dunblane, whose strength has been truly remarkable, and all the good wishes we have had from everybody from all over the world, we will be a good school again." He had been overwhelmed by flowers, let-



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Two girls among pupils arriving yesterday for an informal half-day. Parents and counsellors were there too

ters, offers of help and the thousands of teddy bears sent to the town.

Margaret Finnie, 40, the school "lollipop lady", said: "It was difficult, but I had to pin on a smile and try and keep going." She spoke of the "little gaps" in the ranks of Primary One children. "I had to keep on going for the others. We are all finding it hard, but we are coping. We can't let that man

Mary Blake, one of the two teachers injured in the shooting, has been allowed home by Stirling Royal Infirmary. Matthew Birnie, who suffered chest and shoulder injuries, was also discharged.

Three children and a teacher remain in hospital. Amy

leg injury at the infirmary and Mark Mullan has stomach injuries. Eileen Harild, the teacher, is making progress at the same hospital. Amie Adam, who has an injury to her thigh, is recovering at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Yorkhill, Glasgow, where she was visited this week by the Princess Royal.

The Scottish Office announced that Lord Cullen's judicial inquiry into the shootings will take place in June and report in September. It will have a wide-ranging remit, with witnesses under path. Lord Cullen will be free to make any interim or final

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Wakeham praises media's restraint

Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, praised the media for its mature and sympathetic coverage of the Dumblane massacre, Speaking at a journalism Bournemouth yesterday, be said: "It seems to me that yet again the press has demonstrated it can be-

"La reporting the terrible events at Dunblane, the

anced correctly the public's right to know with the feelings of the grieving community. Special commendations in these cir-

cumstances can be invidious, but I would single out the Press Association for the crucial role it played in arranging and providing an effective pool service to the entire media. Their role was essential to the successful handling of

Our role is not to forgive, says Carey

By RUTH GLEDHILL.

THE Archbishop of Canterhury. Dr George Carey, said yesterday it was not for him or anyone else to dispense forgiveness on behalf of God to Thomas Hamilton, the Dunblane killer.

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Dr Carey, preaching at St Paul's Cathedral in London, said there were always limits to forgiveness. Those limits depended on the response o

the offender.
Addressing the United Guilds' service, attended by members of all 107 companies, Dr Carey said: "Sometimes after a tragedy like Dunblane. the word 'forgiveness' trips too lightly from people's lips.

"But you will note here how others cannot do the forgiving on behalf of the one who has been wronged. It is the latter who first rebukes and then. subsequently, if repentance comes, may then forgive."

Dr Carey said: There is severe judgment for those who commit great crimes against God's little ones, who are precious to Him and infinitely valuable."

The Archbishop added: "We cannot know — nor should we speculate — what the relationship now is between Thomas Hamilton and his maker. It is not for you and me to dispense forgiveness on God's behalf or on behalf of Hamilton's inno-

"What we can recognise is the heinousness of his crime and the seriousness with which God treats it. But perhaps too as Good Friday approaches we can sense airesh something of the deso-lation of Christ's death on the Cross. The death that brings justice and mercy together. And of Easter, which offers new possibilities."

Dr Carey said there was no future for any society with no values, "no sense of right and wrong, no concept of eternal truths and no awareness of God". He added: "If duty springs from the service we owe, then faith springs from the character of God." Faith was needed for a firm foundation of moral values.

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Ror the life you don't yet know

Organic producers call for support as evidence emerges of BSE outbreaks in Europe

Cattle farmers take stock as sales of beef plummet

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

CATTLE farmers are facing a bleak future with consumer confidence in beef plummeting and foreign countries imposing bans to keep out what is seen as an irretrievably contaminated product.

The latest scientific findings, suggesting a causal link between bovine spongiform encephalopathy, "mad cow" disease, and a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, its human equivalent, have left many feeling that life and their finances will never be the same again.

Martin Burtt, the chairman of the National Farmers' Union's livestock committee, said: "I am at my wits' end. It is getting to me personally. It is such a horrendous situation with no obvious light at the end of the tunnel."

On his 250-acre farm near Whitby in the North Yorkshire dales, Mr Burtt keeps 100 dairy cows from which he produces up to 70 calves for the beef trade every year.

Up to 20 per cent of my income comes from the calf

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switch to arable farming because the land here is not suitable. I could expand my flock of 200 ewes, but you need an awful lof of sheep to replace income from beef. I would probably have to increase my flock by up to 30 per cent and I do not have enough land to sustain that number."

Lowland cattle farmers appear to have more choices. Ian Gardiner, the director of policy at the NFU, said: "Technically some could switch to arable farming, but new land coming into crops would not qualify for subsidies."

One group of farmers who believe they have an answer is Britain's small band of devotees of organic methods. They believe BSE is only one of many ills that can be attributed to the growing industrialisation of farming over the past

Patrick Holden, the chairman of the Soil Association, which represents the organic lobby, said: "BSE is the latest symptom of the breakdown of health in an industry whose practices have been violating Organic farming offers a way of restoring consumer confidence in food."

Organic farmers use no pestidices or artificial fertiliser. They stopped feeding all animal material to cattle, which are herbivorous by nature, 13 years ago. Had other farmers done the same, BSE might never have occurred; the disease is believed to have been caused by feed containing the scrapie-contaminated remains of sheep.

There are only 800 organic farmers in Britain, occupying less than I per cent of farm-land. Mr Holden believes there is untapped demand for organic food and that far more farmers would supply it if the system of subsidies were not weighted in favour of conventional high-output farming.

"In some other countries much more support is given to organic farming", he said. "Austria now has 12 per cent of farmland being farmed organically. Here, over the past 15 months, £141,000 has been spent on helping farmers to switch to organic methods, compared with £2.2 billion in a single year on crop subsi-dies, livestock subsidies and



Angela Browning, the Agriculture Minister, fielding farmers' questions at Exeter University yesterday

Hint of a smile in face of despair

By JOANNA BALE

THE question to Angela Browning, the junior Agricul-ture Minister, was delivered in a deadly serious tone, but even the most depressed beef farmer could not help but raise a wistful smile. A farmer from Cornwall rose from his seat and politely inquired: "When I was a teenager we used to take to the dancefloor full of Double Diamond, now they go on full of social drugs. THE MINISTER

Could that be what is causing CJD in younger people?"

It was the first question in an hour-long emergency meeting with 500 farmers in Exeter and Mrs Browning's heart must have sunk. But, professional as ever, she replied: "I cannot say whether they have looked specifically at that as a causal base, but what I do

know is that the CJD surveil-

lance unit cannot identify what might make these people different to the others and it is because of this we have had to take cautionary steps."

The audience of tweed-clad farmers in their Sunday best had travelled from all over the South West to a packed lecture theatre at Exeter University for the meeting, organised by the National Farmers Union. With a faint farmyard aroma lingering in the air, they listened attentively as the minonly that their "may be a link" between BSE and the new strain of CJD. There was no concrete evidence, she said in reassuring tones, and the farmers remained defiant. Time after time, the point

was repeated in a variety of West Country accents: There's no proof — it's just the media whipping up hysteria." But you could sense the

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OTHER CASES

Britain is

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By MICHAEL HORNSBY

AND PETER CAPELLA

BRITAIN is the only country

to have had a serious epidemic

of "mad cow" disease in its

cattle herd, but other countries

Switzerland has reported

206 cases since 1990, with 19

this year. France, Germany

and Portugal, which have

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in his Alma of 1716. Fielding agreed 25 years later when he wrote in The Grub Street Opera: "When mighty roast beef was the Englishman's food it ennobled our hearts and enriched our blood — our soldiers were brave and our courtiers were

History teaches that nations which lose a national dish or dietary staple through carelessness, greed or stupidity need a great deal of time to recover from the blow. Without the buffalo — slaughtered in their hun-dreds of thousands by American hunters — the plains Indians had neither food nor skins to make into clothes and teepees. Crushing defeat at the hands of the US Cavalry was as swift as it was inevitable.

The great potato famines of the last century in Ireland caused similar catastrophe and launched a wave of mass emigration and bitterness against the British "planters". Adulerated cooking oil killed up to 600 people in Spain in 1981 and harmed a further 25,000. Spanish olive oil was banned by France and other European countries. The bottom dropped out of the domestic market as those affected sought redress in the courts.

At the time, Spanish health authorities said it was unclear what symptoms might develop among those who ingested the contaminated oil. Years later, some sufferers developed progressive muscular and neuromuscular disability.

In 1985 catastrophe overtook the Austrian wine industry, always acclaimed for the clean and sharp bouquet of its vintages. It was no organism feeding on the vines

were cutting the product with anti-freeze to add to body and mouth feel". A subsequent scandal in Italy, involving the use of methanol. killed 21 people but, strangely, it was the Austrians who bore the brunt of continuing consumer hostility and

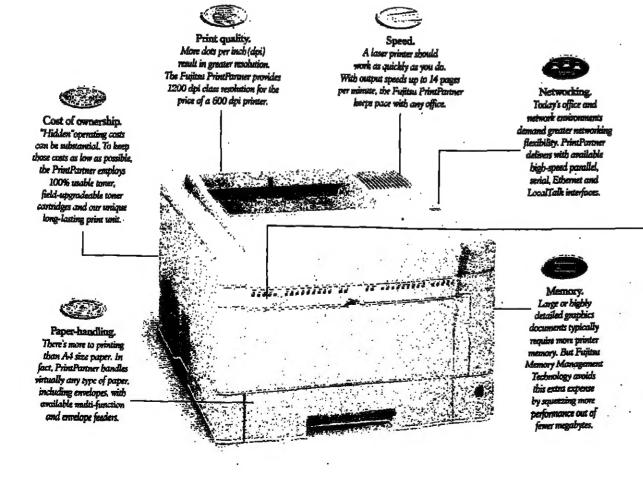
What threatens British beef this weekend is a far more damaging prospect: the rest of the world lined up implacably against a dish central to our national life and as typical of our image abroad as the bowler hat and the buildog. and sheep offal, that is believed to have caused BSE in Britain. In the late 1980s Britain exported considerable amounts of such feed.

There has long been a suspicion that the incidence of BSE in France may be higher than admitted. France is known to have imported British feed, but it is fed mainly to pigs and poultry. The high number of Swiss cases may be due to their diligence in looking for the disease.

It is possible that vets and farmers in other countries are failing to pick up the disease because they have had less practice in recognising it.

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Top restaurants are standing firm over beef dishes in face of international reaction

Supermarkets act to calm fears among shoppers

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Co-op announced yester-day that, for the first time in its 150-year history, it was considering buying beef from abroad in an effort to allay consumer lears over British produce. Tesco said that it would relabel every one of its own-brand products to alert customers to whether they contained beef, gelatin, suet, lard, stock ur

However, some of the country's best-known restaurants continued to serve beef, declaring "absolute confidence" in the quality of their meats. Some removed offal-based products and steak and kidney pie from the menu but said their customers' desire for beef had been undimmed by the

Today information leaflets will be handed to customers in every Tesco sture and each customer service desk will offer lists of beef-free products. The Co-op, which has 3,000 stores, insisted that, although it was not deserting the British beef industry, it had to be realistic about consumer demand.

"We will be looking at providing alternatives because we recognise that this particular problem will result in consumers switching to other products," a spokesman

"There is an opportunity to import beef from abroad from Australia, New Zealand and South America." He added that while other foreign cuts of meat, such as lamb, had been stocked on Co-op shelves for some time, beef had always come from Brtitish producers.

"It is something we are looking at very carefully. But while there may be a BSE problem in British beef, we have to make absolutely sure there are not other problems in other countries.

"It will be at least four weeks before we foreign beef would be in our stores. We must be , sure that it's not a case of 'out of the frying pan, into the fire'." Tesco was busily re-



Blane hoping for the death of beefburgers

labelling own brand food which might contain hidden beel derivatives not immediately obvious including fruit flavour gums, chicken wings in spicy tomato marinade, seafood cocktail, iced buns, and jellies.

A spokesman said that Tesco's beel came from 18 suppliers, II from Britain and the remainder from Ireland. Country of origin was clearly market on all its products.No decision had yet been taken to buy beef from elsewhere, but David Sawday, the company's corporate affairs manager, said: "We are monitoring

what our customers want. There had been a marked decrease in sales of beef and an upsurge in poultry, fish and chicken sales.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said that all its beef came from Britain and Ireland but "all of our buying policies. are under review". The company was also reviewing its labelling policy. Sales figures for yesterday

were not available although he said that there was a "noticeable decline" during the December scare and "the same will happen". A similar turning away

from beef is not being experi-

enced in restaurants and

Jamie Younger, second chef at Bibendum, the west London restaurant owned by Sir Ter-ence Conran, said: "We expected the beef dishes to be pretty unpopular last night but we sold absolutely loads." Raymond Blanc, dynamic

creator of Le Manoir aux Quat Saison, at Great Milton, Oxfordshire, said: "I will certainly not be taking beef off my menu because I use only the finest cuts from Aberdeen Angus canle which have enjoved good food, a good life and natural rearing, none of this nightmarish animal feed that has caused this problem.

"However I will say that if this scare spells the death of the beefburger I will be help-less with joy."

Antony Worrall-Thompson, owner of six London restaurants, is also keeping his highquality beef on offer and has changed his menu to preface beef dishes with "grass fed ox meat". He has also erected signs on his six restaurant windows declaring "BSE-free

"I have suspended my staff from eating the meat pies they used to enjoy and have told all the restaurants not to use cow's offal. We are also testing squirrel and alligator meat, which might make a change for some. As an alternative to beef for

the Sunday roast this weekend Mr Worrall-Thompson recommended wild boar, water buffalo or ostrich meat.

At Simply Nico, in Victoria, London, prime beef cuts from Scotland were being kept on but plans to introduce an oxtail dish this weekend had been cancelled. Nico Ladenis, the chef and proprietor said:
"I do think the whole thing is getting out of hand. People are still slipping on banana skins and dying on the roads -we have to keep things in perspective."

The Savoy said it would continue to serve beef. At the Ritz, beef was not on the menu. anyway. "Spring lamb is the



A Paris butcher displaying a sign reading "No English offal here. Eat French", as fear spreads over "mad cow" disease, rendered in a variety of languages below

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Bitter replay of the last big food scare

BY ANDREW PIERCE

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THE number of cases of salmonella poisoning, which triggered a crisis in the British egg industry in 1988, has risen sharply after ministerial pledges to eradicate the bacterium. Despite a battery of environmental health regulations, the incidence of salmonella enteritidis, the strain prevalent in poultry, has increased virtually every year since the eggs fiasco.

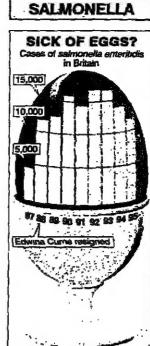
Food poisoning is at the highest level since records began in 1949, with 80,000 cases last year compared with 63,000 for 1992. The number of cases has risen fivefold over the last decade. An increase in eating out, takenways and beefburger bars is thought responsible.

Figures released by the Pub-lic Health Laboratory Service show that salmonella enteritidis remains as virulent today as in 1988. In 1987 there were 4.962 known cases. In 1988, the year the crisis erupted, the total had risen to 12,522 and it reached 17,000 in 1992. It eased back to 14,000 in 1994 and 12,500 last year. Figures for this year are expected to be around the same level.

Salmonella hit the headlines in December 1988 when Mrs Edwina Currie, a junior Health Minister, was asked to comment on a ban on the use of eggs in 25 Devon hospitals in response to previous government warnings. It was one fateful remark which brought her down: "We do warn people now that sadly most of the egg production in this country is nfected with salmonella."

Stephen Dealler, a consultant macro-biologist, wished Mrs Currie had been in the Ministry of Agriculture. He said: "The truth about BSE might have come out sooner. We have been here before. When the Government knew about salmonella in egg production they intially denied there was any infection. But they were forced on the defensive when Edwina Currie blurted out the truth."

The salmonella in eggs fias-co has disturbing parallels with the BSE affair. In 1988



there was a sustained public debate over the feeding methods of farm livestock. The consequences for the industry were devestating. In 1987 there were 15,608 egg producers; today the number has virtually halved to 8,979.

Andrew Oakley, the chair-man of the United Kingdom Egg Producers Association, said: "My life flashed in front of me when I heard about the BSE scare. Just like the beef producers, the first we knew about it was when we heard it from the media. But this is much more serious . . . ' Mrs Currie rejects asser-

tions that the Government's handling of the BSE scare had been a public relations disaster. "Ministers have this time shared the information with the public ... They are much more open than they were eight years ago when I was in the firing line." But Max Clifford, the public

relations guru, thought the last week had been the biggest disaster since salmonella. "It is a catastrophe. They are helping to destroy yet another British institution: the Sunday



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hen the monks who lived at Bury St. Edmunds abbey in the 13th century were allowed to speak (which wasn't very often), Latin was the holy order of the day. Indeed, for a young novice entering the monastery, it was a sine qua non.

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poetry compensated for his anxiety and depression, I was wrong ... >

A second exclusive extract from the Amis Diaries, by Eric Jacobs - News Review, The

Commons crusader for the disabled to retire at election

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

ALF MORRIS. a leading of Britain's 6.5 million dis- Counsellor for 18 years and campaigner in postwar politics, announced last night that would retire from Parliament at the next general election.

He said: "I had thought and hoped that the next election would come sooner. But as this Parliament could now go its full term and the next promises to do so as well. I feel t will be best for me not to seek re-election. Better to go five minutes too soon than five years too late."

Mr Morris, MP for Manchester Wythenshawe for 32 years, will be 68 today. He played a key role in the attempts to compensate the victims of Thalidomide, to improve war widows' pensions, to assist those harmed in the Barlow Clowes scandal and to help haemophiliaes infected with HIV and hepatitis C from contaminated NHS blood products.

His most abiding legacy, however, will be the transfor-

abled people. His Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Bill, which became law in 1970 and was regarded as a breakthrough in basic rights for the disabled, was the first legislation of its kind in the world and was copied by many countries. Later, as the first Minister for Disabled People,

he brought in the mobility

allowance, the invalid care allowance and the disabled housewives' allowance. In 1991 he also drafted the Civil Right (Disabled Persons) Bill to outlaw discrimination on grounds of disability, the full implementation of which remains the target of groups

representing disabled people.

Mr Morris, who used a Private Member's Bill to repatriate to the people of Australia the original of their constitution, has been awarded both the Order of Australia and the Queen's Service Order by the New Zealand Governremains the chairman of the managing trustees of the parliamentary contributory pension fund.

He told his constituency party last night that his decihad been taken with regret, but promised to continue doing all he could to hasten the return of a Labour government and to advance the causes to which he had devoted his parliamentary life. Mr Morris's determination

to be a champion of the disabled owed much to the experience of his father, who was injured in the First World War and suffered many disabilities from severe leg injuries to partial blindness, as well as the effects of poison gas. George Morris later found it impossible to find work and died at the age of 14 in 1935 as, in the words of his "one of the tubercular



Morris: views shaped by his father's plight

experiences of disability and poverty and on becoming an MP his understanding of the plight of the disabled was heightened by observing the problems of many of his

Mr Morris is leading the campaign to help veterans of the Gulf War and their families, suffering from what they Credo

Forget immortality: our reward is in the deed

ALL religions promise imfaiths offer a minimum: the drop of water which is your identity will fall back into the ocean and live on as part of it. There is also the maximum offer. I once spent a long day with the Dalai Lama, whose disciples assured me that upon his death his soul would reappear in the world within a child

born that very second. Our Western religions carry the teaching of immortality on their books as one of the great offers to be bestowed upon the faithful. But I look into he treasury of Jewish teachings and find this is a troublesome often difficult. teaching.

We all want to live for ever - but on our own terms. The resurrection of the dead can be reserved for the righteous, since we clearly number ourselves among them. And it will be for them, as the inducement that religion offers to those who accept the Bible's teachings and walk

Albert H

Friedlander

the right way. If immortality is offered to all people as a basic component of the soul. the wicked's immortality is confined to a hell described in loving detail by Dante. Milton, or by the fire and brimstone preacher of the

Most Jews will reject the notion of Hell as inconsistent with reason and faith. Judaism teaches firmly that our jurisdiction does not extend beyond the grave. We must place our trust in God as the final judge. And hating the dead is a selfdestructive exercise.

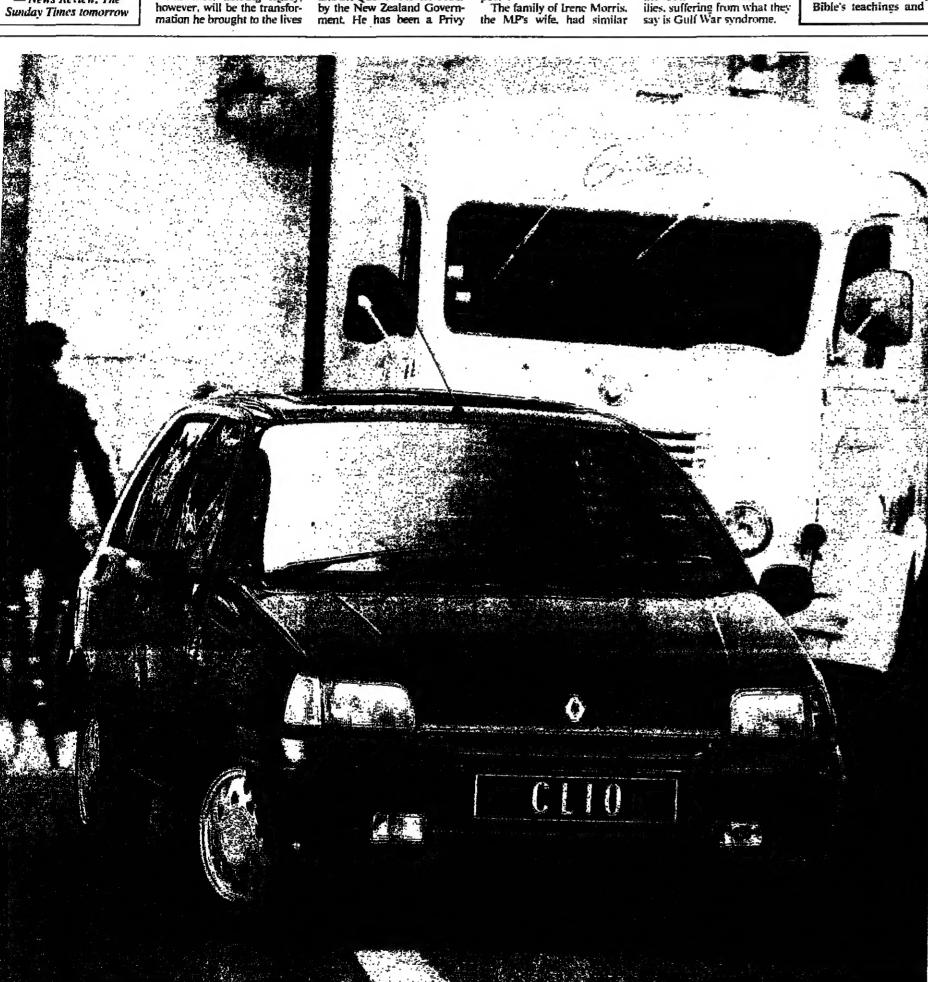
On the other hand, loving the dead and hoping that there will be compensation for their suffering in an eternal afterlife is one of the comforts offered by faith in a world after the Holocaust and the genocides that have

mass graves of our time.

Today religion cannot afford to bolster its ethical teachings with a package of rewards. Judaism has always been firm in its teachings that a "mitzvah", a good deed, begets another one and that an evil action becomes its own punishment. Immortality can and will be a comfort to us in our flawed and suffering lives: but it should not be linked to

our moral actions. There must be more to life than a short moment of awareness. We do not want to be rewarded with immortality, but we do need almost infinite time to come to terms with improving the world and ourselves. In due course, the master of the house will call out: "Time. gentlemen and ladies, please!" But who is in a hurry?

Rabbi Albert H. Friedlander is Dean of Leo Baeck College and Rabbi of the



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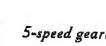
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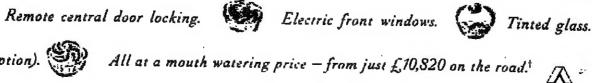








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HUNDREDS of sermons have been entered for The Times/College of Preachers Preacher of the Year award. Entrants have until Easter to submit a typewritten text for the contest, which is in its second year. Sir Ludovic Kennedy, the

broadcaster and atheist, and John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, will again judge the final at Southwark

finalists will be selected after the preachers of 30 shortlisted sermons are visited in their churches and parishes. The winner's sermon will be pub-lished in The Times. At her blessing, Weekend, p3

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winners can be read in The Times Book of Best Sermons

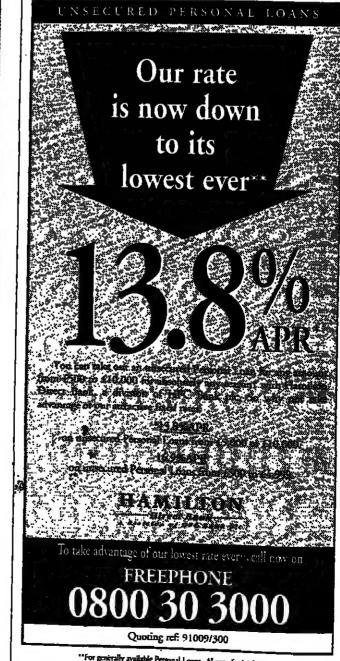
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Judge will decide on the right to end life

By JEREMY LAURANCE

DOCTORS treating a woman who has been in a persistent vegetative state for more than four years have been told they may apply to a judge for permission to withdraw artificial feeding and allow her to

In the first case of its kind in Scotland, five senior judges at the Court of Session in Edinhurgh ruled yesterday that Lord Cameron of Lochbroom could make the decision whether to end Janet Johnstone's life. The doctors at whether Law Hospital, Carluke, Strathclyde, are supported by Mrs Johnstone's family.

The judges said that Lord Cameron's ruling would cover the doctors only against the civil law and not against criminal prosecution. That could be provided only by a public statement by the Lord Advocate, Lord Mackay of Drumadoon. Scotland's senior law officer. He said he would make a statement.

The case has added to confusion over people in a persistent vegetative state after details emerged this week of a patient who allegedly recovered awareness after seven years. At one stage hospital staff considered applying to the High Court to have his artificial feeding withdrawn, but when he was transferred to the Royal Hospital for Neurodisability in Putney, southwest London. staff there realised that he was able to communicate.

In a second case a braindamaged musician. Geoffrey Wildsmith, 21, told police through a computer that he was attacked on a late-night train nearly two years ago.

The Royal College of Physicians issued the first clinical guidelines on the condition yesterday, but said that they may already be out of date.

The guidelines say that diagnosis should be made only when a patient has been in a continuing vegetative state for more than 12 months after a head injury, or six months after other causes of brain damage. A vegetative state is one in which a patient has cycles of eye closure and opening which may simulate sleep and waking but who shows no awareness of self or



Hidden treasure: the massive sketch of Jupiter and Semele found in the King's Drawing Room when the oval panel by William Kent was removed from the celing

Spring clean puts art experts in the picture

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A MASSIVE, previously unknown 1720s line drawing has been discovered under an oval ceiling canvas in the King's Drawing Room at Kensington Palace. It was uncovered when the panel that had covered it for more than two centuries - a depiction of Jupiter appearing to Semele — was removed for extensive deaning.

Both images are the work of William Kent (1685-1748), the architect and interior designer, who painted canvases in various parts of the palace. In removing the panel, curators were taken aback to find that the sketch is an almost exact replica of the canvas, except for a yapping spaniel added to the final

Nigel Arch. director of the state apartments at Kensington Palace which boast a collection of Van Dycks and Tintorettos - said curators assumed that the artist was trying out the scale of the canvas. Otherwise, he suggested, he was planning to paint on to the plaster.



Curators had no idea what was hidden behind Kent's painted ceiling at Kensington Palace

but decided it was easier to paint at ground level and then attach the

work to the ceiling. Kent studied painting between 1709 and 1719 in Rome, where he met Lord Burlington, who became

his influential patron. In 1719. Kent

completed Ricci's unfinished paintings in Burlington House, now the Royal Academy. He worked at Kensington Palace between 1722

Mr Arch said that Kent displayed acute business acumen in securing have gone to another artist, Sir James Thornhill, whose estimate for the job came to £800—"a lot of money in the 1720s", Mr Arch said. "The Vice-Chamberlain thought that was too much." Kent, seizing spoil view for comet watchers BY NICK NUTTALL ATTEMPTS to see the

Dull skies

brightest comet for centuries will be frustrated this weekend by cloudy skies over most of the country.

Astronomers planning comet-gazing parties are pinning their hopes on cloudless skies for the evening of April 3. By chance a lunar eclipse will occur on that night, which should make Hyakutake's comet flash like a brilliant jewel in the night sky.

Professor Mark Bailey, director of the Armagh Observatory, who saw the comet with his naked eye last weekend, said yesterday: "The eclipse is at midnight on the night of April 3. The moon will become blood red and we might get quite a dark eclipse as the full moon fades." The eclipse should last 90 minutes.

Professor Bailey said the brightness of Hyakutake, named after the amateur Japanese astronomer who first saw it, meant that everyone in Britain should be able to see it "inching" across the horizon. He said binoculars would be worth taking to comet-watching parties to help to distin-guish between the head and the fuzzy tail.

Enthusiasts are advised to contact libraries for the telephone number of a local astronomy group to find out where and when telescopes are being set up. Some universities and observatories, including Armagh, are organising Hyakutake-watching evenings, using their loin and 10in telescopes.

E500 and won the commission, even

though Thornhill quickly reduced

The ceiling panel will be returned

to its position, covering up the drawing until the next time it needs to be cleaned. The King's Drawing

Room is among state apartments open to the public from May I until

☐ A watercolour painted in 1801,

one of only two panoramic views of

London by Turner, is expected to fetch £60,000 at Christie's in

London on April 2. The painting,

London: Autumnal Morning, fea-

tures cows on Clapham Common in

the foreground, looking over Vandhall towards Westminster and

The painting has been in private

wnership for most of this century.

Andrew Clayton-Payne, watercol

our specialist at Christie's, described the work as "magnifi-cent". It was one of only four exceptionally large watercolours exhibited by Turner at the Royal

Academy in 1801, the year before he

was elected a full Academician.

his price to the same level.

the end of September.

St Paul's.

Other advice is to leave urban areas, to avoid the light pollution that makes it harder to see even a bright object such as a comet. Dr John Mason of the British Astronomical Association said that Hyakutake would be closest to Earth on Monday night — at 10 million miles away.
It will be visible until the

end of April. after which it will continue its celestial journey. returning to within sight of Earth again after another

Dr Mason said: "In mid-April, with clear skies, the comet should be a splendid sight in the northwestern sky an hour after sunset and should exhibit a very fine,

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Day of rest turns into a hagglers' paradise

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

CAR boot sales, where cash is that trading standards are king and haggling the order of the day, are transforming the

in the first academic study of the phenomenon, researchers have found that more than a million people every weekend are shunning the piped music and security cameras of the shopping arcade in favour of the carnival atmosphere of the car boot sale.

Unlike the superstore, car boot sales offer "an excursion into curiosity and discovery. It is both a potential impromptu antiques fair and a jumble sale. Quite simply one just does not know what one might find there," said the report, which was funded by the Government's Economic and Social Research Council.

Haggling for goods, providing the thrill of pitting wits against canny salesmen, emerged as a main reason for the popularity of sales. The average buy costs E8.

They attract people of all ages and social class, the researchers claim. About 40 per cent of those who go are employed "scotching the myth that the car boot sale is the preserve of recessionary Brit-ain's underclass", the report

Car boot sales are also increasingly important for the environment as goods get recycled, it is claimed. But the study says that the essence of these sales is under threat

being flouted and that business is being sucked from council-owned markets and malls. "However, any attempt to regulate them will kill off one of their principal attractions, namely their carnival spirit and lack of convention ality", the report's authors. Dr Nicky Gregson of the University of Shelfield and Dr Louise rewe of the University of Noningham, say,

in many areas the Sunday morning landscape of Britain has been transformed. Fields. stadia, school playgrounds and car parks are taken over by row upon row of cars and by hordes of potential buyers."

The study, based on a survey of 300 buyers and sellers in Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire and the northeast of England, shows that sellers make E90 on average, but in some cases up to £800 at weekends.

The most popular purchases are children's clothes, followed by DIY equipment, videos, baby equipment, kitchen utensils and records.

In a separate survey, the researchers found a growing mood among councils to regu late the fairs. Of 350 local authorities questioned, many are considering ways to make organisers obtain planning permission while others may charge high licensing fees.

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Alan Watson and his family in front of their solar-powered home at the Findhorn Foundation. Plans to expand have angered villagers

Villagers rail against 'New Age Vatican'

The village is in danger of

being submerged. They don't get involved in village life."

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Glenn Waiters, press of-

ficer for the foundation, says

the community has a turn-

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By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

TO MILLIONS of New Age villagers they threaten to swamp a small community on the Scottish coast. The Findhorn Foundation,

near Forres, Grampian, has become known as the "Vatican of the New Age" whose alternative vision attracts il.000 people each year from across the world. But such adoration is not matched among locals, who say their traditional culture is in danger of being swallowed as

The parties are about to clash over the foundation's plans to build another 40 permanent dwellings on a five-acre site it has acquired adjacent to its caravan park.

The planning decision will be the first test of the new Moray Council, which comes into being on April I. The foundation aiready has outline pernission for five dwellings. Leading the opposition is

Sir Michael Joughin, 69, a former chairman of Scottish Hydro-Electric and now chairman of the Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council. He has lived in Morayshire for 50 years and in Findhorn, where he farms,

He says villagers have been ignored as the foundation expands. They have gone from seven people in the beginning to around 500. They aiready have 100 per-manent dwellings and have expanded into nearby Forres.

says the foundation has only 100 permanent residents at Findhorn, a figure disputed by Sir Michael

The foundation is an international and cosmopolitan centre in the middle of a conservative and parochial Scottish community. There will always be a degree of conflict. If we attempt to get involved with the local community we are branded as interfering. If we don't, we are isolationist "We are not a cult or a sect.

We represent a collection of loosely held beliefs. Sir Michael Joughin does not speak for everyone in the village."

The community was founded in 1962 by Peter and Eileen Caddy, who initially lived in a battered caravan, which has

vegetables in the thin sandy soil. The vegetables flourished, with tales of 40lb cabbages, and so did the

Peter Caddy, who died in a car crash two years ago at the age of 76, was an eccentric who prospered in the morally experimental climate of the Sixties. The foundation's eargrowth was built on Eileen's "channellings" or messages from "the God

From there grew a philosophy of living in tune with nature. There is no set creed or ideology and the community cheerfully embraces many different religions. It has built ecologically sound dwellings and last year host-

BENS A BRIEF **NHS** staff seek 6.5% pay rise

a 6.5 per cent pay increase for \$00,000 workers ranging from nurses and ambulance crews to porters. About 18 unions have joined forces in submitting joint local pay claims. Restructuring has meant

that there are now more than 500 employers within the NHS. The unions also want a £4.14-an-hour minimum for all staff and progress at ending short-term contracts and the use of temporary staff.

Lottery handout

The National Maritime Museum in Greenwich has received a National Lonery grant of Ell.8 million towards its Neptune Court extension, a £19.6 million gallery to be completed in time for the millennium celebrations.

Princess flies out

The Princess of Wales is flying to the island of Barbuda in the Caribbean today for a holiday with Prince William and Prince Harry. They are booked into the £1.800-a-night K Club, which has relaxed its 'no children" rule.

Singer chosen

The Australian-born singer Britain's entry to the Eurovision Song Contest with her dance number Just A Little Bit. Her song, co-written with the dance team Motiv8, was chosen from a field of eight.

Family reunion

A brother and sister separated 56 years ago by adoption have discovered they live in villages three miles apart in Hereford and Worcester. Peter Stanton, 58, spent 30 years searching for Jenny Fletcher, 57. Their children had been friends.

Don't sniff at our boffins, they're winning by a nose

SCIENTISTS have developed that it can distinguish the aromas of Colombian and Brazilian coffee. The device, one of several electronic have put Britain to the forefront of artificial nose research, is the creation of scientists at Southampton University.

It has an array of sensors linked to a computer that attempts to mimick the human nose. Dr Martin Grossel, of the university's chemistry department, said scores of uses were planned, including monitoring the health of cattle from their breath. He added:

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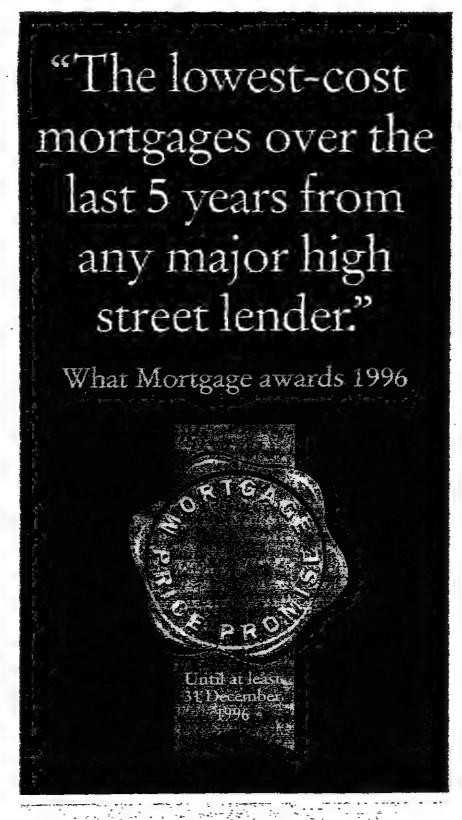
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Heaney is fêted in France

Paris: Seamus Heaney, the Nobel prize-winning Irish poet, was made a Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters-yesterday and praised as a vital cultural link in Ireland's divided society (Ben

Macintyre writes).

Presenting him with the award, Philippe Douste-Blazy, the French Culture Minister, said that Mr Heaney had "grown up between unionists and national ists, defining yourself as part of both worlds, which remain irreconcilable, a cause of spilt blood even now. Speaking in French, the 56-year-old poet said that when he was given the Nobel prize in December he was "walking on air". With the latest honour, "that walk continues".

This is a sort of benediction," Mr Heaney said, adding that as the former home of Irish writers such as Oscar Wilde, James Joyce and Samuel Beckett, France was "a haven for Irish artists".



Seamus Heaney laughs as the medal presented to him in Paris yesterday by Philippe Douste-Blazy falls to the floor

UN envoy urges war crimes judges to study Srebrenica evidence

Bosnia massacre confirmed

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE United Nations human port Ms Rehn, a former Finnish Defence Minister who rights investigator in the former Yugoslavia has confirmed that at least 3,000 Muslims visited Srebrenica last month, were murdered by the Bosni-an Serb Army after the fall of Srebrenica last year, accord-ing to a French news report.

Recent indications tend to confirm the allegations that the Bosnian Serb forces massacred at least 3,000 Bosnians [Muslims] and probably many more in the region of Srebrenica in July 1995." Elisabeth Rehm. a UN envoy, was quoted as saying in a report to be presented shortly to the UN Human Rights

Commission in Geneva. The investigator also uncovered evidence of massacres by Serb forces near Ljubija in 1992 and at Sanski Most in northwest Bosnia-Herzegovina last October, according to the newspaper La Croix, which published extracts from

the report yesterday. However, with about 8,000 people still missing from the former UN "safe haven" of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia, the report acknowledged that many questions remained un-

Tribunal

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suspects

LIST of the 57 men accused of

Four suspects named yesterday by the war orimes tribunal in The Hague, who include the first Muslims accused of committing alrooties, were:
Zerial Detailc, 48; Zdravko "Pavo" Mucic, 51; Hazim Deta, 31; Esad "Zenga" Landzo, 23.

Of the remaining 53, accused of "serious violations of the Geneva Conventions", "violations of the laws or customs of war", "crimes against humanity" or "genocide", three are in custody: Djordje Diukic; Dueko Tadic; and Goran Lalic.

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Milan Mriesle, Dragan Nikotic,
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Milutin Popovic, Dragoljub Preac,
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answered. In the 71-page resaid she hoped that the war crimes tribunal at The Hague "obtain adequate would means to investigate these allegations ... and will finally be able to resolve uncertainties

in these areas". The leaked report coincided with the unveiling of the first indictments against Bosnian Muslim suspects at The Hague and a visit to the site of a mass grave in Serb-held

Madeleine Albright, the US is one of several suspected mass graves.

Ambassador to the UN. The war crimes tribunal "It's the most disgusting released indictments yesterand horrifying sight for day against three Bosnian another human being to see," Muslims and a Croat accused Ms Albright said after touring of murdering Bosnian Serbs the site near the village of at Celibici prison camp prison Janja. She was accompanied camp in southern Bosnia. Two by an American forensic expert and Admiral Leighton Smith, the Nato peacekeeping commander in Bosnia. of the four accused - Zdravko Mucic, who is believed to be the former camp commander. and Zejnal Delic - were arrested in Austria and

The site, where Muslims from Srebrenica were alleged-Germany respectively this week. The Bosnian Governly transported and massacred by Bosnian Serb forces, was identified using aerial surveilment has pledged to apprelance photography. The area

The tribunal has so far indicted 57 suspects, almost all Serbs, including General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military commander, and Radovan Karadic, the Bosnian Serb leader, prompting accusations that investigators were singling out Serbs for punishment while ignoring Bosnian Serb victims of

In her report, Ms Rehn reportedly criticised parts of the Dayton accord, which brought more than three years of fighting to an end, arguing that the agreement paid too much attention to ethnic distinctions. "Some aspects of the accord are disturbing, notably the point which defines the eligibility for the presidency of Bosnia-Herzegovina and. among other criteria, the nationality of candidates," she

☐ Briton killed: A British soldier has been killed in a fire in his barracks in Bosnia. Lance-Corporal . Chris . Mc-Leish. 24. is believed to have been crushed to death when the roof of the barracks collapsed.

Yeltsin wins open * support from US

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE Clinton Administration dropped any pretence at impartiality in Russia's forthcoming presidential elections vesterday when Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, gave an unsubtle plug for President Yeltsin's re-election campaign.

Speaking at a press conference after meeting the Russian leader in the Kremlin, Mr Christopher left little doubt that Washington will be using all its weight to help President Yeltsin to stay in power against a strong challenge from Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader and front-runner in the polls.

"I am sure that President Clinton will come here to follow basically the line that he has followed ever since the beginning of his presidency, and that is to support the reforms and support those who are enthusiastic about reform and those who are carrying out reforms," Mr Christopher said, "That has brought him into strong support for President Yeltsin on prior occasions,"

Although there had been concerns that Mr Christopher would find himself at odds with the Kremlin over Nato's expansion plans, the Americans and Russians clearly decided to put their differences on hold for the time being. Instead, the two sides concentrated on areas of agreement, such as fighting terrorism, pursuing arms control deals and laying the groundwork for a summit, planned for Moscow next month, of the G7 group of industrialised nations to discuss nuclear safety.

Mr Christopher's words of support came after similar remarks made in Moscow recently by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and the pro-Yeltsin Chirac Government in France, Although President Yeltsin is trailing Mr Zyuganov in the polls. Western powers appear to have decided to back him as

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long as he remains in office. Nevertheless, the Americans have kept their channels open to the Communist leadership and last night Mr Christopher was hosting a dinner at the American Ambassador's residence for several leading Russian politicians, in Zyuganov.

Hillary Clinton flies to Tuzla

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY CLINTON, accompanied by her daughter Chelsea, 16, is flying today to Tuzia in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where on Monday she will meet US troops in what critics consider an effort to improve tarnished image. Mrs Clinton will be the first Presi- Aides said they hoped pic- a federal grand jury.

dent's wife to visit forces in a hostile environment without her husband since Eleanor Roosevelt in the Second

During the ten-day trip, the First Lady will meet President Demirel in Turkey and then travel to Greece to see the lighting of the flame for this er's Atlanta Olympics.

tures of Mrs Clinton boosting the morale of American soldiers and guiding her daugh-ter around Europe's ancient sites would improve her standing just as did her 1995 trip to Asia with Chelsea.

Mrs Clinton has been hounded by congressional Whitewater committees, and



her child is a judo star

Chirac is a grandfather

Paris: President Chirac became a grandfather for the first time yesterday when his unmarried daughter and close political adviser, Claude, gave birth to a boy (Ben Macintyre writes).

Despite the furore surrounding the late François Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter, la vie privée is considered just that, and yesterday's news merited just a few terse lines from the main news agency, Agence France-Presse. Sources at the Elysée Palace confirmed that the father is Thierry Rey, world judo champion and a television sports commentator.



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Pentagon calls off untimely trip to Washington by Communist Defence Minister

China-America rift Widens as Taiwan prepares to vote

From James Princle in peking and Tom Rhodes in washington

THE presence of two American aircraft carrier groups off Taiwan - with the USS Nimit: expected to arrive this weekend - has complicated Peking's calculations in the crisis in the Taiwan Strait. Althrough neither China nor

the United States are seeking a direct confrontation, their relations plummeted further last night after the scheduled visit to Washington by the Chinese Defence Minister was postponed, in a sign of the steady decline in dialogue between the two sides, both claimed to have made the decision to suspend next month's visit by General Chi Haotian, who was to have toured US millitary installations.

The Pentagon said that William Perry, the Defence Secretary, had determined that "a large-scale official visit was not appropriate in the present climate. China's Xinhua news agency also took the

The worsening relations come as Taiwanese voters go to the polls today to take part in the first-ever direct presidential election, about which few mainland Chinese have any information.

Communist China has imposed a news blackout and its media have only been reporting Peking's vitriolic denunciation of Lee Teng-hul, the incumbent

China is also continuing

WAR GAMES

the northwest section of the Strait, close to Taiwan's outlying islands, although poor weather has forced it to scale back the war games, not due to end until Monday.

The military manoeuvres are designed to put pressure on Tuiwanese voters not to back Mr Lee, whom Peking

6 China was getting used to having its own way and was surprised by the

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accuses of plotting to pursue independence for Taiwan. But reports from Taipei say the Communist firepower has had the opposite effect, and Mr Lee and the pro-independence par-

ty are likely to gain.
Diplomats here believe that in the present period of heightened tension, the US will not send the Nimitz and her escorting vessels through the 125-mile-wide Strait, an international waterway. That would be regarded in Peking



having its own way and was surprised by the strength of American reaction," one en-voy said yesterday. This upset their plans, and they have had to take the factor of strong American counter-measures into their calculations."

He said China would keep its options open after the election, but there were likely to be more "routine" military exercises in the Taiwan Strait. This issue is not going to go away," the envoy added.

At the same time, Peking is likely to resume links with which has about 100,000 businessmen operating in China. Shen Guotang, China's For-

eign Ministry spokesman, in-dicated in his regular news briefing on Thursday that China would be able to resume contacts with whoever won the presidential elections presumably, including Mr Lee - provided he ceased his perceived push for independence. He emphasised that there should be no confrontation between Chinese people.

It is no surprise that the



Taiwanese soldiers on alert on Matsu, an island ten miles from mainland China

Communist media have not reported on the substance of though it is the first time in 5,000 years that Chinese votpicking a president from among four candidates.

would have had no idea, from reading the Peking newspapers, of what the election was

Six miles proves to be too far for peace

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN QUEMOY

TWO days ago Chen Siyang and five other county councillors from Quemoy decided to visit Xiamen, just six miles across the narrow Taiwan Strait which separates them from mainland China.

They wanted to explain to Chinese neighbours, who once regularly shelled their island, that they wanted peace. However, they were firmly rebuffed and Mr Chen now says: "Everyone on this ittle island sees what a bully China really is."

To travel six miles - the mainland is clearly visible from their island - Mr Chen and his colleagues first had to fly to Hong Kong via Taipei. and then to Xiamen.

We knew our island was in the front line," said Ouyang Yinmu, another councillor. "So we thought we could talk about peace in Xiamen. But when we got there they said it was not the right time, we

ENVOYS

were not high-ranking enough, and maybe we could come back after the election [being held today]."
Mr Chen said: "We never

thought they'd turn us away. This wasn't an act. We wanted to show them Quemoy's love of peace. What we got was cruel, ruthless behaviour."

Many of the fields here are studded with tall cement columns topped with sharp metal points, intended to impale mainland paratroops. Towers stand at crossroads with soldiers on top manning antiaircraft machineguns. Tanks stand under trees. Soldiers from the 30,000-man garrison are digging trenches in the red clay and there are hundreds of miles of tunnels crisscrossing shelter for months. Yesterday the island was on readiness three, two down from full-

scale war. The island is dotted with memorials to the soldiers and civilians who endured the artillery bombardment from

WORLD SUMMARY

Hardliner to manage Sweden

Goran Persson, who took over yesterday as Swedish Prime Munister, signalled his aim to continue tough austerity mea-sures by appointing as Fi-nance Minister Erik Asbrink. hardliner who has criticised Sweden's high taxes (Michael Binyon writes). Mr Asbrink takes over as

Sweden is struggling to re-verse a 13 per cent budget deficit, quality for European monetary union, and cut 12 per cent uneployment. In a Times interview last

week. Mr Asbrink admitted the passing of the old "Swed-ish model (of social welfare) ... People know there is no

Yeltsin in talks on Belorussia

Moscow: Russia and Belorussia came closer to reunificayesterday after the countries' leaders met to discuss terms for a union treaty (Richard Beeston writes).

In a move that could bolster President Yeltsin's popularity before presidential elections in June, he met President Lukashenko in the Kremlin. Opposition MPs have condemned the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991

Russians step up Chechen assault

Moscow: Russian troops backed by artillery and warplanes stepped up their assault on rebel positions in southern Chechenia, in a move that has claimed hundreds of casualties (Richard Beeston writes). Moscow said 28 soldiers had been killed and 86 injured. Chechen figures were unavailable.

Greeks defend airport security

ected claims by the US Transport Department that staterun Athens airport did not meet acceptable security standards Uohn Carr writes). Athens is anxious not to disrupt its lucrative tourist

Lee throws down gauntlet to Peking on eve of poll

FROM DAVID WATTS AND JONATHAN MIRSKY

RY TAIPEL PRESIDENT Lee Teng-hui of Tai-war made Peking an offer it could only refuse: "We want China unified - is freedom and democracy." Since Mr Lee is certain to be re-elected as President today, his suggestion that if Peking wants to talk, it must become democratic, will enrage Chinese leaders.

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nomic and political miracles had come about during years "in the shadow of war". Mr Lee's Mandarin runs a poor third behind his native Taiwanese diaject and the Japanese he learnt during the war. However, his message was plain: "No matter what the other side has done, it has not disturbed our minds and it has

concentrated our strength. And we have achieved political reform with-

Lien Chan, Mr Lee's runningmate and present Prime Minister, looked forward in terms Peking will find more promising. Negotiations must begin as soon as possible, he said. The foundation must be small, non-governmental or neo-governmental agencies that discuss matters such as shipping links. Mr Lien hinted that a peace treaty would

the Democratic Progressive Party and Mr Lee's most dangerous opponent, made not the slightest gesture towards reunification. Mr Peng is the champion of those who say that. ethnicity aside. Taiwanese are not

Chinese. There is no need to proclaim de iure independence, he says. because independence has been a

ridiculous, suicidal claims to rule Tibet and Mongolia." Mr Peng said, bour China ever had. We have much to offer them. Antonio Chiang, one of Taiwan's

most perceptive commentators, said vesterday that, despite their differences, Mr Lee and Mr Peng represented the mainline position here that Taiwan must stand up to

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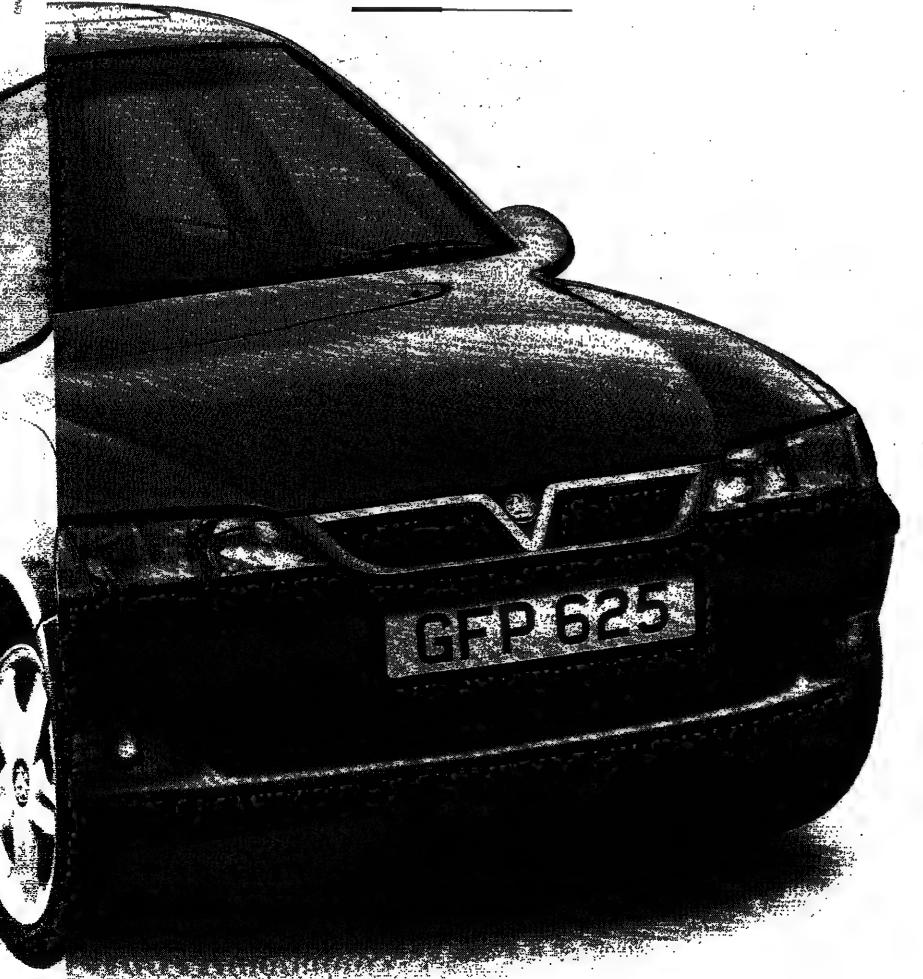
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Mandela urges halt to KwaZulu violence

after the massacre of 11 people highlighted the fragility of recent peace initiatives in the province.

Gunmen attacked two rural homesteads in Donnybrook in the KwaZulu/Natal Midlands on Thursday night, shooting dead seven women and three men. A two-monthold baby died after being smothered by one of the victims.

Police have confirmed the motive for the attack was political: all ten adults were supporters of the African 1980s, members of the Zulu-dominated Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC party has pointed fingers at Inkatha have fought a war in the province, and Zulu traditional chiefs, suggest-

PRESIDENT MANDELA yesterday called for a new strategy to combat political violence in KwaZulu/Natal first democratic elections in 1994 but have risen again recently. Observers have noted the connec-

tion between political events and political violence. The massacre in Donnybrook occurred a few hours after Mr Mandela launched the ANC's campaign for the May local government elections in the province. The polls had to be postponed last November because of disputes over district boundaries, and the latest killings may be a foretaste of violence in the run-up to the elections.

The ANC yesterday called for more troops to be sent to the province. The

Police reject plot claim

Johannesburg: Political analysts have expressed scepticism over a claim by President Mandela that elements within the police force were planning to overthrow his ANC-led Government (Inigo Gilmore writes).

At a rally in KwaZulu/Natal,
where the ANC launched its campaign for May's local government elections, Mr Mandela said there was still a tendency among different

population groups to think in terms of race. "We still have powerful elements in this country planning every day to overthrow this Govern-

ment." he said. Police Commissioner George Fivaz said it was inconceivable that the post-apartheid force could seek to overthrow the Government. The new force was "absolutely committed to the new democratic order".

ing a political strategy under way to disrupt the election. An Inkatha spokesman said the province could expect trouble from both sides.

While security efforts have made important strides in advancing the peace campaign, on a political level the picture is not rosy. A week ago, Mr Mandela was booed by the province's chiefs when he suggested at a meeting that Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, should not be elevated above the Zulu King. Plans to set a date for broader peace talks fell by the wayside as the two sides failed to find common ground.

Inkatha has recently made efforts to undermine the influence of King Goodwill Zwelithini. Chief Buthelezi. who wants virtual autonomy for KwaZulu/Natal, draws much of his support from powerful tribal chiefs, Last April he stormed out of

negotiations over the constitution, and often uses language that critics say incites violence. Behind this lies inkatha's concerns that the ANC is making inroads in the province, particularly among the less traditionalist youth.

President Mandela announced yesterday that he had met his ministers of Safety and Security, new strategy to deal with violence.



Paul Keating, left, the former Labor Prime Minister of Australia, shows his conservative successor, John Howard, around the Lodge in Canberra, the official prime ministerial residence, before moving out

Villagers rescue Briton in Somalia

By JAMES BONE

BRITON and four colleagues abducted in Somalia were freed by armed local villagers who heard about the kidnapping on the BBC World Service, United Nations officials said vesterday.

William Condie, a Unicel security officer from Hereford, was seized with four UN officials from Nepal, India. Sudan and America while waiting for a flight out of Somalia on Thursday.

The UN team, which was making its weekly three-day visit to the war-torn country. was surrounded by about ten armed men at the Balidogle airport, 56 miles southwest of Mogadishu. UN sources say the kidnappers were led by a disgruntled contractor named Omar Dini Hosh, from whom Unicef had hired vehicles. The UN agency cancelled the carhire contract last week after paying off Mr Hosh. He decided that he wanted more compensation and abducted the UN team in retaliation.

The area around the Balidogle airport, now Somalia's principal port of entry, is controlled by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the warlord who led an uprising against UN peacekeepers in 1993 and effectively forced them out of the country.

As soon as the local authorities heard of the kidnapping, they called for residents to intercept the armed men and free the UN staff. The people of a village about 20 miles from the town of Qoryooley heard about the incident on a BBC radio broadcast and set out to save Mr Condie and his companions.

At least one boy was wounded in the ensuing gun battle late on Thursday, but the five UN staff were rescued unharmed. They spent the night in a UN vehicle that had set out to find them and were expected to return to Nairobi

Those abducted with Mr Condie were Ismail el-Azhari, Nasim Ahmed, Deen Kaphle and Robert Hagan.

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By CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JURUSALEM

AN ISRAELI mother of three is suing the country's leading television weatherman for an inaccurate forecast that she alleges caused her to catch flu. She says that she dressed too lightly after hearing his assurances of rising tem-

"The case is, as far as I know, without any precedent here and is certain to provoke intense interest." said David Saville, a leading English-born Israeli lawyer. "My guess is that the plaintiff will probably lose on the ground that the forecast was a prediction rather than a cast-iron

prophecy."

The disgruntled Haifa resident filed her petition in the Small Claims Court after Danny Roup, the award-winning weather-man on Israel's Channel 2 Television, predicted on a clear evening recently that the next day would be

spring-like and sunny. The plaintiff dressed in light clothes. The weather turned out to be wet and wintry, however, causing the woman to come down with flu, miss several days of work and forcing her to spend money on what she claimed in her petition was

expensive medecine. She blamed Mr Roup and is demanding £640 for missed days of work and mental anguish. She is also claiming for the cost of the medicine and wants Mr Roup to make a public

The Small Claims Court is attached to the 'Peace Court', the magistrates' system which is based on British law," Mr Saville said. "The Israelis are about the most litigious race, per head of population, on Earth — but this is the first time that I have heard of anyone suing a TV

Britain frees Kenya aid

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

KENYA yesterday ended its pariah status among donor nations as Britain gave its seal of approval for Nairobi's economic recovery plan and released £5 million in aid that

had been frozen since 1994. Britain's approval is likely to encourage other donors to release £385 million, also pledged in 1994, to help Nairo-bi soften the blow of a World Bank economic restructuring programme.

The seven biggest donors, including Britain, met Kenyan

officials in Paris yesterday Donors have been concerned that President Moi would renege on pledges to liberalise the economy. Moreover, about £327 million in aid money

vanished from the treasury. The current plan calls for privatisation of state-owned companies, civil service cuts and an anti-corruption drive.

The country has got to the stage where patients are sleeping three to a bed in hospitals without drugs and



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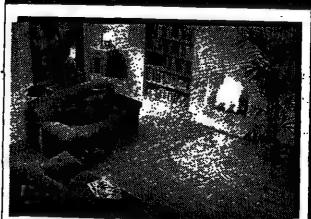
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Jackson mobilises protests against Oscars 'race bias'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

JESSE JACKSON, the civil rights activist, is planning demonstrations in cities across America during Monday's broadcast of the Oscars ceremony to draw attention to the fact that only one of the 166 Academy Award nominees is black.

Taking his cue from an 11page report in last week's People magazine accusing Hollywood of institutionalised racism., Mr Jackson held long meetings with show business leaders on Thursday, threatening to picket television stations that will be broadcasting the Oscars ceremony,

The report came as a severe embarrassment to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which administers the awards and considers itself a paragon of political correctness and public rela-tions knowhow. Blacks make up 9 per cent of the American population and, as enthusiastic filmgoers, 25 per cent of the nation's cinema audience. However, fewer than 200, or 3.9 per cent, of the 5.043 academy members who vote on the Oscars, are Africanthe magazine American,

Mr Jackson, apparently unaware of the discrepancy until the article was published, has leapt into the fray with vigour. "It doesn't stand to reason that; if you are forced to the



Jackson: met show business leaders

back of the bus, you will go to the bus company's annual pienic and act like you're happy," he told the Los Angeles Times.

Three celebrities who will be acting happy, however awkward they may feel underneath, are Oprah Winfrey, Whoopi Goldberg and the producer Quincy Jones, all blacks with prominent roles in the broadcast but all attending as hosts rather than contenders. In what appears to be a strenuous effort to compensate for blacks' under-representation among nominees, the academy changed producers for the broadcast for the first time in six years, inviting Mr Jones to replace Gilbert Cates.

Ms Goldberg is returning

as master of ceremonies after David Letterman's widely criticised performance last year. Ms Winfrey, the talkshow host, will announce the nominees arrival to a worldwide television audience of about a

Notable performances by blacks which Mr Jackson and others claim the academy has ignored unfairly include those by Angela Bassett and Whitney Houston in Waiting to Exhale and Denzel Washington's role as a private eye in postwar Los Angeles in Devil in a Blue Dress. □ New York: Records are being set for television adver-tising on this year's Oscar

billion.

awards broadcast. ABC television charging \$795,000 (£518,000) for a 30second spot during the programme, the network said Friday. Advertising for the presentation, which is all sold, fetched 16 per cent more in revenue than last year. (AFP)



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embarrassment for Nasa after last month's mishap when a satellite was lost as its tether snapped. (Reuter)

First Lady replies to inquiry on. sackings

By MARTIN FLETCHER

HILLARY CLINTON yesterday released carefully worded written answers to 26 questions posed by congressmen investigating the dismissal in 1993 of the seven-member White House Travel Office.

In sworn testimony that contradicted a series of subpoenaed White House memorandums, she insisted that she had "no decision-making role" in the dismissals. She repeatedly claimed an inability to recall particular conversations during what she called a "busy and stressful time", and several times suggested that aides had misconstrued her remarks about the Travel Office. The White House released the answers just too late to be covered in Thursday's

evening news.
Six of the seven employees were reinstated. The seventh was tried for fraud but acquitted. Evidence later emerged to suggest that an old Arkansas friend of the Clintons had pushed for the dismissals because he wanted the Travel Office business.

New York dog's life is envy of the poor

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORKERS spend as scriptions to pet magazines much on their pet dogs as the such as Dogue and Vanity much on their pet dogs as the average Third World country gains from its trade exports. New figures suggest that the Manhattan dog lover last your paid more than \$5,000 (£3,200) each on Butch, generating \$1 billion in business for the pet trade and matching the foreign trade earnings of

The minimum annual cost of keeping a dog in New York was estimated by the American Kennel Club yesterday at \$1,250, which covered food, veterinary bills, grooming, basic training and treats (bedding, toys, chocolate drops and fashion items).

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On top of these costs can be added the price of kennelling dogs during holidays, subFur, entry fees for social events such as next month's 1,500-dog "pooch pienie", plus the expense of proper

training. Bashkim Dibra, a selfstyled "dog trainer to the stars", said yesterday that he had known New Yorkers who had spent more than \$15,000

on educating a dog.

Mr Dibra, whose clients have included the hounds of the actresses Kim Basinger and Kathleen Turner, said: "Dog ownership is all about four-legged therapy. In a city like New York you need unconditional love, and that

is what dogs provide."

Robin Hoik, of the American Kennel Club, said that, as with other household essentials, dog food and veterinarians cost more in New York. Animal behaviourlsts in central Manhattan charge as much as \$500 an hour.

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Two of late President's confidants move on to bright new careers in acting and writing

Tapie, star of film and trial

rupt former owner of Marseilles football team, is now starring in two very different productions: the first is a film by Claude Lelouch, the director, due for release this summer; the second is taking place in a French courtroom where the flamboyant former Cabinet minister stands accused of fraud.

M Tapie's trial began this week in Béthune and the quality of his court performance may decide whether he watches the premiere of his debut film as a free man or

Like everything associated with the former singer, second-hand car salesman, politician, football boss, mil-

labour tribunal.

THE freedom to go to the lavatory is nowhere enshrined in the French constitution, but it is

a right, according to a ruling by a French

A bitter battle over "les pauses-pipi" erupted at Bigard, a Breton meat factory, after bosses insisted last July that the 300 employees were

abusing lavatorial liberty and henceforth

PARIS FILE by BEN **MACINTYRE**

the charges against M Tapie are on a lavish, even garish

Prosecutors say M Tapie, who is a member of the French and European parliaments, siphoned off up to Fr100 million (about £13 million) from a scale-manufacturing company he bought in 1983. The money allegedly was used to pay off his personal debts, fund an elec-

tion campaign for an asso-

ciate and recruit players for the Olympique Marseilles

A protégé of François Mitterrand and once a rising star of the Left, M Tapie already has an eight-month sentence hanging over him for match

times a day, for five minutes each, at specified

(£6.50). The workers promptly stopped work.

Last week the "Conseil des prud hommes"

ruled that workers could answer the call of nature whenever they wanted, having first told

a supervisor. "Aux toilettes, citoyens!

rigging. He faces up to five more the star of Men, Women: Operating instructions, In years in prison if convicted on which he plays an overstressed lawyer, has merely the present charges, his financial empire is in ruins, the tax compounded the Tapie myth of invincibility and he was awarded the full star treatment by the French press Tribunal gives a oui for liberty when he completed filming, just days before his latest trial

Lelouch, enthused over his unlikely leading man, insist-ing that with regard to Tapie, hours. Anyone disobeying would be fined Fr50 there is one thing on which everyone agrees, his incomparable acting talents. He's a

connection with his luxury

yacht, and another case is

pending over the accounts of

the Marseilles team. Credi-

tors have even stripped his

A different man might

buckle under that litany of

disaster, but that is not M

Tapie's way. "I have replaced

my passion for football with a

passion for film," M Tapie

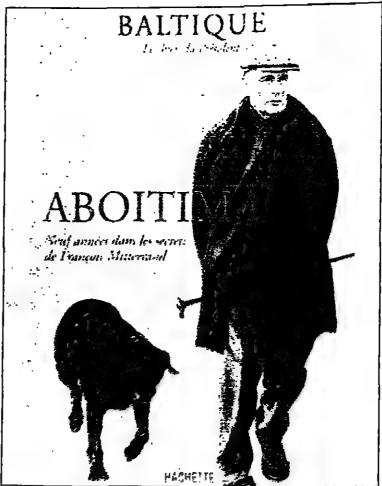
announced breezily as he

strode into court this week. "I

shall soon star in another

His latest reincarnation, as

mansion of its furniture.



Baltique and her old friend adorn the cover of "her story"

Baltique bitches on about life in the Elysée

BALTIQUE, the black labrador owned by the late François Mitterrand, was seen by millions of television viewers as she faithfully accompanied the funeral cortège of her master in

Now, like the wife, the doctor and most other people associated with the former Socialist President, Baltique has rushed into print with a memoir of life chez Mitterrand from the canine

Unlike the whimsical memoirs of Millie the White House dog, whose work outsold that of her master, George Bush, mostly because it was more interesting. Baltique's style is "particularly biting", according to the book's publishers, Hachette-Carrère, not to say faintly bitchy.

In Aboitim I, a play on the French word for "bark". Baltique recalls that Mme Mitterrand was not overly fond of her, a claim that appears to be substantiated by the fact that since Mitterrand's death the dog has been relegated to a police station at an undisclosed location while the President's widow promotes her own book. Baltique has no plans to go walkies on a

publicity tour, the publishers say.

Clearly written by an insider at the Elysée,

Aboitim 1. published on Thursday with an
initial print run of 50,000 copies, covers

Baltique's nine years as the President's dog. dwelling in particular depth on Mitterrand's relationship with Anne Pingeot, his mistress, and their illegitimate daughter Mazarine.

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Steamy trailer ban puts 'Last Tango' director in a spin

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE film director Bernardo Bertolucci, whose Last Tango in Paris was banned in Italy 20 years ago, has again fallen foul of the censors, this time over a tale of adolescent seduction in Chiantishire.

State television announced yesterday that it was refusing to show advertisements for Bertolucci's latest film, I Dance Alone, starring the American actress Liv Tyler. Set in Tuscany, the film revolves around the seduction of the 18-year-old Tyler by an older man, played by Jeremy Irons, at an English-owned villa near Siena.

Villa near Stena.

In the scene which gives the film its title, Irous dives naked into the pool and calls out to Tyler. "Haven" you ever made Image" to which she made love?", to which she

replies: "I dance alone." The film will be released in Italy next week, and is to be shown at the next. Cannes Film Festival. But a spokesman for RAL the state-run television network, said the trailer was "too hot to handle", even for the late evening.

An infuriated Bertolucci said he would leave Italy altogether. He was "deeply bewildered and dismayed", not least because the Italian Board of Censors had praised the film on first viewing for the delicacy with which it portrayed the young heroine's sexual initiation

Bertolucci said the row revived painful memories of his "suffering and humilia tion" over Last Tango in Paris, when he was given a two-month suspended prison sentence and deprived of the right to vote for five years. The refusal to advertise was absurd given that no one from RAI had seen the film. Italian television authori-

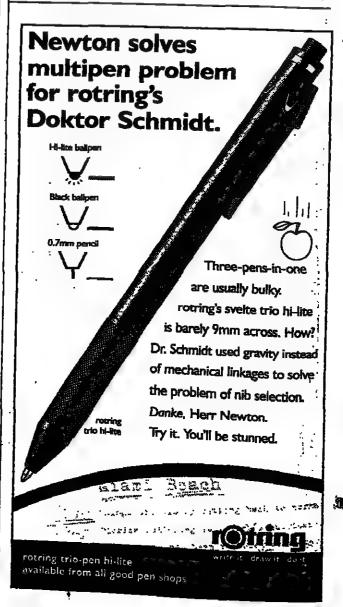
ties are tightening up on

film by Jeremy Irons

standards after a row this week over a bizarre commercial for Volkswagen. The advert showed an elderly man running a pocket knife along the side of a smart red Golf.

Pierangelo Sardi, the head of the Italian Psychologists' Association, said it was beyond belief that an act of vandalism was used to self cars when it was far more likely to encourage street crime. The Pope has also stepped

into the controversy over television standards, urging Catholics not to watch television at all if possible during Lent because too many images were "degrading to couraged debased values. The Vatican said that the Pope would take the offensive during Holy Week by producing a 45-second "commercial" of his own depicting him reciting the rosary in Latin.



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OPINION Could being chairman of the Royal Opera House be the ghastliest job in London?



THEATRE

Wonderful passion, pity about the diction: Isabelle Huppert makes her mark in Schiller's Mary Stuart

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From Marianne Faithfull to Arabella, our critics choose the week's hot tickets: Weekend, page 2



■ RECORDS

Tippett's string quartets; Gibson in Braveheart: CDs and videos reviewed in Weekend, page 8

ot often do I feel sorry for anybody called Gummer. But I must put in a feelingful word for dear Peter Gummer, brother of our burgermunching Environment Secre-tary, John. This week, Peter was appointed chairman of the Royal Opera House, and has received a distinctly sniffy press for his pains. This is chiefly because, as Covent Garden's boss, he will be spending the very same lottery dosh (£55 million to be exact, plus the odd £20 million of "exes") that he awarded to the Royal Opera House development last year, when he headed the Arts Council's

lottery panel. Should we be worried by this? indeed. There is clearly a deplorable shortage of Gummers to fill Britain's top jobs. More must be brought into operation as soon as

But as for the tittle-tantle of troublemakers who claim Gummer's appointment to be another instance of an Establishment

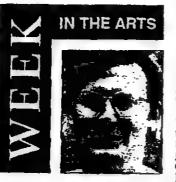
Now here's a test of public relations carve-up - well, what paranoid nonsense! If Gummer feels any conflict of interests at all, it will surely be with his other job. As boss of the big PR firm. Shandwick he probably works on the assumption that good publicity is preferable to bad. At Covent Garden, of course, they operate on the opposite principle.

Gummer may also find that he has inherited the ghastliest job in London. Let us consider what he has to do if the ill-fated opera house development is finally to rise from the drawing-board. First he has to tie up a number of tiny but nevertheless irritating loose ends in the ROH's planning application, which seems to be progressing with all the speed of a gnat through treacle.

Then he must smarm up to the richest people in London - the

Gettys, the Rothschilds, the Sainsburys, and of course the Morrisons — and sweet-talk them out of the 550 million of private funding that he needs to proceed with the development. Then he must find a way of sacking half the orchestra, the opera chorus and most of the stage hands in such a way that the rest don't walk out in sympathy - because he needs at least some staff to maintain a semblance of activity during

Always assuming, of course, that he has found a temporary venue in which the skeleton opera-company can perform. The ROH board has had about ten years to think about this one, so it clearly has a brilliant scheme all worked out ... it just doesn't want to tell anybody what the plan is yet. Then comes the really exciting



RICHARD MORRISON

bit. Gummer must don his hard hat, put on his gruffest "don't mess with me, sonny" voice, and talk deadlines and penalty clauses with the gentlemen of the building

ROH development up and run-ning within five years of its estimated finishing date, he will be doing considerably better than the last two culture palaces built in London: the Barbican Centre (ten years late) and the British Library (your guess is as good as mine).

Meanwhile, of course, he will need to find tenants for all the retail outlets and office space that the ROH must rent out if it is to pay off the remaining £50 million cost of the scheme. Tricky? Well, let's put it this way: if offered the choice I would rather try selling British beef in Paris. But corneth the hour, cometh the Gummer, I am sure that the words "fall-guy" or "poisoned chalice" have never entered his mind.

In return, he receives no salary and won't even be able to run up in the Crush Bar, because the theatre will be closed. But there will be one deeply satisfying perk. As chairman, he can be thoroughly unpleasant to Mr Keith Cooper, the ROH's "director of corporate affairs", whose views on the shortcomings of his own colleagues are now so well known to BBC TV viewers. The joy of putting "beastly Keithy" through the mangle will surely compensate for all the other hassles of the job.

Britain's public libraries want to celebrate the millennium — and, incidentally, their own 150th anniversary by putting an internet terminal in every library by the year 2000. To this end the Library Association this week submitted a E45 million bid for lonery money, and a cheery

PR lady from the LA has written to me asking if I would consider doing an article about "the role of librarians as information navigators for the new century". Gosh. Beam me up, Lord Jenkins, as we say in the Reading Room at the I have no objection to my local

library wiring itself to the information superhighway. The people of Hendon have long been clamouring for an efficient means of exchanging Robin Williams fanclub e-mail with the citizens of Wisconsin. I just wonder where in the library they are going to put the terminal — what with the video checkout, the coffee bar, the man selling stamps, the council-tax arrears advice desk, the pussportphoto booth, the bouncy castle, and of course the babysitting bureau. The only answer is to get rid of all those shelves of dusty old things with boring print inside. What did they used to be called? Hang on, I'll consult an information navigator.

Queenly quarrels with an acute accent

great play is so seldom performed in the nation where it occurs that it subverts English preconceptions of the warring queens at its core? Certainly, Anna Massey's determination to do justice to the complexities of Elizabeth I cannot disguise the

fact that the mighty monarch has been transformed into a blend of Herod and Pontius Pilate, only more scheming, vaciliating, hypocritical and, of course, female. And certainly Schiller's romantic sympathy for a fettered body and unfettered spirit turns Mary Stuart into - but what?

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and are depicted in many of his masterpieces.

cannot doubt that Mary is far more of a heroine than, say, her counterpart in Robert Bolt's retailing of the story in Vivat, Vivat Reginal. But this is a conclusion hard to reach at the National, and for a most banal reason. A French actress, Isabelle Huppert, plays

cannot cope with Jeremy Sams's graceless translation. Mary Stuart, who came to Scotland from France in 1561 and lived in Britain for 25 years, speaks our language half as comprehensibly as the French ambassador.

That was scarcely Schiller's aim, though he did take liberties with the facts. As Stephen Spender pointed out, the play is a poetic myth that happens to involve British historical characters. The wonderful scene at its centre, in which Elizabeth and Mary meet and quarrel, never occurred. But it does not quite occur at the National either, for Huppert rises to a climax in which words such as "bestard" and "impostor" flash out of a rush of dropped vowels and blurred syllables, like lamps in an enguifing fog.

bold act, and there are times when the risk comes off. Though her habit of pointing her finger or punching the air suggests weakness, not maiesty, the ample gestures and full-blooded movements of French tradition contrast tellingly with the uptight body-lan-guage of Elizabeth's court. Even if you cannot always

understand her, and her emotions sometimes seem external, Mary emerges as generous and outgo-ing, freer in her cage at Fother-

inghay than Elizabeth in her palace: which is the very comparison Schiller wanted. The evening's big success is undoubtedly Massey's Virgin

Queen, who spends it wanting encouraging Mary's death, yet trying to offload responsibility for it on anything and anyone. But is she merely a Nero who wants to be thought an Augustus, as Schiller seems to suggest? Massey's answer is yes and no. She also exudes melancholy and yearning for love,





Royal rumpus: Isabelle Huppert as Mary Stuart confronts Anna Massey as Elizabeth I in Schiller's Mary Stuart

plus a sardonic anger, very [text, at a world that seems to demand she be woman, wife, man and tyrant all at once.

Massey begins by looking like the Elizabeth in the National Portrait Gallery, pale and flame-haired in her jewfinery, and ends crouched on her throne, sour, wizened and alone. This is the final image of the play, which is just as well, for

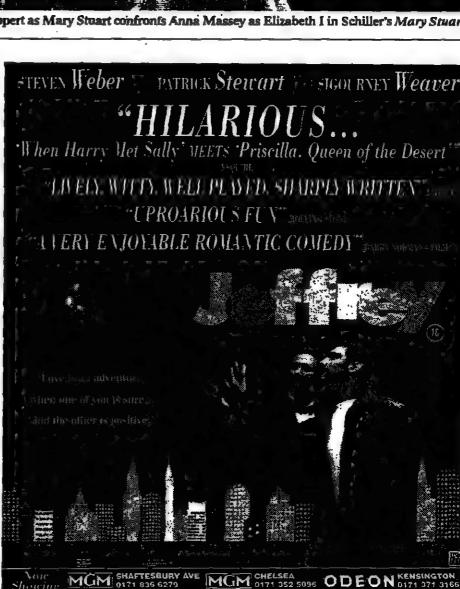
the execution preceding it is an anticlimax. We should feel that Mary's frank

Lyttelton trasts eloquently with Elizabeth's moral shillyshallying, and we should be moved by her death. But how go when he is struggling to make sense of Esperanto?

Mary Stuart

The mood-music is a mistake and so, on the whole, is William Dudley's set, which shunts Claude landscapes and odd geometric patterns round the stage. There are effective supporting performances from Paul Jesson as an implacable Burleigh, Ben Miles as a Sturm und Drang hero who wants simultaneously to rape and rescue Mary, and (especially) Tim Pigott-Smith as a city-slicker Leicester, but Howard Davies's production lacks urgency. Where is the excitement of ideas, politics and raw human conflict? No-

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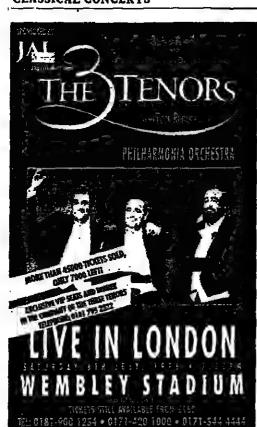
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SOME of the most famous names in the world of music and dance were honoured this week at the Evening Standard Awards. The pianist Alfred Brendel, the soprano Anja Silja and the Kirov ballerina Altynai Asylmuratova all won awards for outstanding performances in Britain in 1995. The top prize for a dance production went to Siobhan Davies's Art of Touch, and the chosen opera production was Graham Vick's King Arthur at Covent Garden. For the second year in a row, the London Symphony Orches tra was named best music ensemble, and Lord Menuhin received a special award.

 ASPIRING actors are pre-paring to tread the boards at the 41st National Student Drama Festival , which takes place in Scarborough from Wednesday to April 3. The festival includes 17 productions as well as countless workshops and masterclasses - all under the patronage of playwright Alan Ayckbourn.

The organisers claim that their festival has helped more than 600 students, from Alan Yentob to Ben Elton, into the entertainment world, it pays tribute, once again, to Buzz Goodbody, the first female director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, who died in 1975 just after directing Ben Kingsley in Hamlet. She was plucked from obscurity at the 1966 National Student Festival: her talent was noticed by John Barton, who invited her to be his assistant at the RSC.

Apart from the annual award in her name, for the most outstanding young director, this year's festival will promote a new award in her memory: Queenswood, a leadindependent girls' school in Hertfordshire, will launch a Buzz Goodbody Fellowship, to enable a talented young director to work at the school for a year. In return for free board. lodging and an honorarium. he or she will help to develop drama at the school, including

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The collector's collector rarely and unpredictably, an exhibition achieves a dynamism of its own that makes it not just good but great. That this mysterious chemistry should

At the British Museum, Isabel Carlisle is captivated by Sir William Hamilton

Museum's current exhibition on Sir William Hamilton is surprising but palpably true. I could analyse at length the factors that have brought this about: the infectious enthusiasm of the curators: their appetite for detective work; the high quality of the loans: the lack of inhibitions in mixing ideas with exhibits, science with art; the character of Sir William himself: and an installation that evokes the late 18th century in an entirely unpompous way, are all contributing factors. Much better just to go and experience for

be present in the British

yourself this beguiling and stimulating gern of a show.

Sir William Hamilton took up the post of British envoy at the court of the Bourbon King Ferdinand IV of Naples in 1764 without any great ambitions for a diplomatic career. Lacking fortune or title, he concentrated instead on establishing a reputation for himself as a man of "virtu" through collecting art and antiquities, publishing his collections, entertaining the many Grand Tourists and artists passing through Naples and minutely recording the activities of Vesuvius for

the Royal Society. Vesuvius was more active in the second half of the 18th century than at any time since antiquity or afterwards and Sir William was near by for the three violent eruptions of 1767, 1779 and 1794. The evocative scenes that he commissioned from local artists convey the drama of the pail of smoke by day and the glowing orange of the night sky.

Despite the volcano, there can hárdly have been a more pleasant place to live: the Bay of Naples was still one of the



Vesuvius's fury unleashed: The Great Eruption of 1767, a view from the harbour of Naples, by Pietro Fabris

Europe, A panoramic view by Giovanni Battista Lusieri, 27 metres long and painted from the balcony of Hamilton's Palazzo Sessa, shows it in all its limpid seductiveness, and in such detail that you can pick out Hamilton's seaside retreat, the Villa Emma, on the far side of the bay.

This was also when the first major finds were being brought up from the excavations of Pompeii and Hercula neum. Sir William prompth started his first collection of antiquities. In selling these to the British Museum in 1772 he revolutionised the character of that institution — until then a repository of the natural sciences - and put it on the path to becoming a showcase for art and antiquities.

The recovery of Hamilton's scattered collections of Greek painted vases, gold jewellery, carneos, gernstones, Old Master and contemporary paintings, bronzes and sculpture is



Grand Tourist attraction: Emma Lady Hamilton as Three Muses, by Hugh Douglas Hamilton (c1789-90)

one of the triumphs of the show. The magnificent, colossal head of Hercules, chipped out of the lava at the foot of Vesuvius, is too good to go back into the museum's stores. So is the reconstructed 5thcentury BC Greek tomb from Trebbia, with a bronze cheesegrater among the grave goods and small vases hanging on

the back wall. Famously unrecoverable is the part of Sir William's second vase collection, which went down in HMS Colossus in a storm off the Isles of Scilly.

To be remembered as a victim of this disaster and the long-suffering cuckold of the menage a trois with Nelson and his wife, Emma, has been Hamilton's fate until today.

dumped on Hamilton by his nephew Charles Greville, whose mistress she had been. In tackling the delicate task of establishing a role for her in Neapolitan society, Hamilton had the idea that Emma should pose as classical statues - she had already posed for Romney in London. Her metamorphosis from one character into another, with three cashmere shawls for props, became one of the tourist sights of Naples. Among the drawings and paintings of her, including those by Romney and Reyn-olds, the most enchanting is by Elisabeth Vigee-Le Brun, who sketched her upturned face onto one of the doors at the Villa Emma with a stick of charcoal taken from the fire.

To resurrect Sir William as benefactor to the nation, a connoisseur and man of taste who aimed to raise standards of design and art in Britain is one of the aims of this exhibition. Most successfully of all, it evokes the enormous excitement of living at the end of the 18th century, when so many branches of knowledge were at their very beginnings and the arts were enthusiastically classical Greece and Rome.

● Vaces and Volcannes: Sir Wil. liam Hamilton and his collection, sponsored by Pirelli, is at the British Museum until July 14

A chorus of approval

One of Britain's greatest choral conductors, Sir David Willcocks, is to retire. Katharine Road reports

hope nobody thinks they have joined the Bach Choir to sing Bach, re-marked the choir's furmer director, Reginald Jacques, many years ago. Sir David Willcocks, who took over Jacques's post in 1960 and announces his retirement tomorrow, could not have put it better. For the legacy he leaves the Bach Choli is precisely that vast diversity of repertoire - plus the high standards demanded by the man who was simultaneously turning the choir of king's College. Cambridge, into one of the world's most formidable musical institutions.

The diversity is probably just as well. Willcocks can remember the King of Norway catching up on two hours sleep in a performance of Bach's B Minor Mass during a tour at the beginning of his tenure with the Bach Choir. But the fact that the singers were in Norway at all, and performing to such a distinguished audience, reflects the ambition that Willcocks had for the choir. Previously it had never ventured outside London: indeed, it gave only seven concerts a year. Now they number 20, and the choir has undertaken 17 foreign tours and produced a formidable collection of recordings.

The progress of the Bach Choir mirrors what Willcocks believes to be a general improvement of standards in the choral field. "Recordings have made a great deal of differ-

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ence," he says, "People have come to expect as good a sound in a concert as they hear on a CD. But another factor is the blossoming of so many specialist groups in the past 20 years - it means that new standards are set and as a large, amateur choir we have to fight to compete with small-er, specialist ones."

But however many specialist groups there are, the Bach Choir has managed to achieve an enviable reputation of being committed to the performance of new works without being pigeonholed for focusing exclusively on contempo-rary music. The most recent venture has been to work closely with the Polish composer Penderecki,

If the Bach Choir is amateur in status, Willcocks has erased any tendency for it to be amateurish" in approach. "I did not set out to change things, but in fact they have." Willcocks says. When he arrived the Bach Choir needed to import professional tenors to "stiffen" its ranks. That would not be necessary today.

Willcocks is the longest serving musical director the choir has had. "I was going to leave when I was 60," he says, "and then at 65, and then when I reached 70. Now I am 76. I am always looking forward to the next event, never back at the

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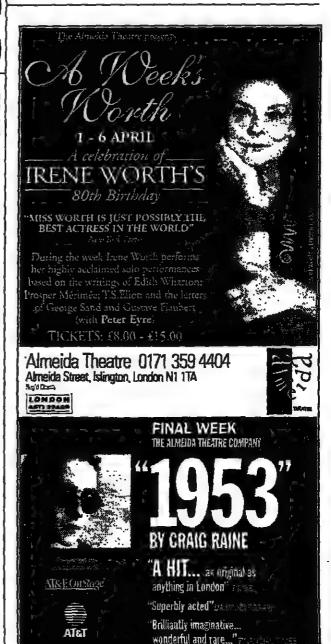
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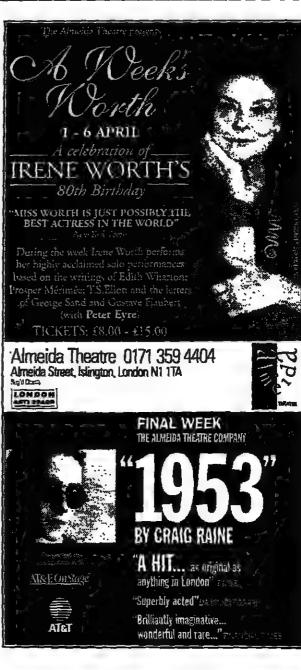
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The making of an island nation

Jonathan Mirsky on Taiwan's response to China's challenge

ome 620 foreign journalists will watch 14 million voters cast their ballots for Taiwan's President today. Few of these foreign reporters would have been here, even though it is Taiwan's first direct (and hence democratic) presidential election, had it not been for a sinister presence just across the horizon. Not far away, the People's Republic of China exercises a detachment of the largest army in the world, occasionally hurling missiles into the Taiwan Strait, ordering soldiers to storm deserted beaches under screaming jet cover and dis-turbing the sleep of villagers along the Fukien coast as it explodes tonnes of live

Also not far off, but staying out of harm's way, cruise two US naval battle groups, part of what William Perry, Secretary of Defence, calls the best damn navy in the world". exhibiting the greatest show of American force in the Western Pacific since the Vietnam War.

This is big news in a small place. What is emerging very fast here is a new democracy and a de facto nation, challenging those who define "Asian values" and shaking the Chinese Communist Party to its crumbling roots. China.

its authoritarian allies such as Singa-Peking's pore, Burma and Indonesia, and missiles some of its rich guarantee friends in Hong Kong, insist that Mr Lee what attracts loyalmillions ty to governments in this part of the of votes world is order, economic stability and the chance for a better materi-

al life Western-style democra-

cy results only in chaos. The 21 million people on Taiwan are culturally Chinese but they have relished this Western-style election. Any taxi driver will provide a seminar on the candidates, the issues and the Tajwan-China relationship. There is no slavish emperor-worship of President Lee Teng-hui, leader of the late Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang nationalists (KMT) and today's certain winner. On the radio some callers refer to him as "an enemy of the people". For anyone who recalls Tiananmen in 1989, it was hard this week to comprehend the thousands of demonstrators in downtown Taipei shouting "Down with Lee" and "Down with the Kuomintang". It was a novelty that policemen, instead of breaking heads and shooting people when they fell, directed

cars through the crowds. Presidential rivals here stop at nothing in their mutual abuse; only sexual innuendo seems absent. One rival party has regularly accused Mr Lee of being an ex-Communist. Although the Communist Party has been illegal since 1945, this is regarded as mere election knockabout even by

those who think it is true. This may be plucky little Taiwan, standing up to the giant across the Strait. But despite the election ballyhoo, the party balloons, banners and baseball caps, Taiwan is not the Athens of East Asia. Lifelong Kuomintang members shake their heads at the country's underlying corruption, its vote-buying, its domi-

nation of the media and its links to the "Black Societies". Taiwan's mafia, many members of which are KMT officials. Nor are the other parties free of this taint. When Taiwan's equivalent of the Mafia Don of Dons was shot dead recently, every political party sent a representative and a wreath to his funeral.

Corruption is a major campaign issue. Peking's missiles have guaranteed Mr Lee millions of votes today from people who would have preferred any other candidate but want an experienced hand at the helm during this crisis.

All week, during the proud

reminders to foreigners that this is the first democratic election of a Chinese President for 5,000 years, the Tiananmen aura has hovered near. The People's Liberation Army is only just offstage. But Peking has been taken by surprise by an unusually decisive President Clinton and, since the arrival nearby of the aircraft carriers Independence and Nimitz, the prospect of the People's Liberation Army seizing even a Taiwan-controlled atoll has all but vanished.

This election has resulted in an international setback for Peking. Liu Binyan, a 71-yearold exiled investigative report-

er whom China accuses of being the senior "Black senior Hand behind the Tiananmen protests, is visiting Taiwan. Because of China's pressure, he says. Peking has lost the hearts" of even those here who

reunification eventually. Moreover, they have made China an international outcast again. "as it was after Tiananmen".

Chinese officials have told their American counterparts frequently in recent weeks that for Peking, there are overriding issues. National unity is a traditional obsession of Chinese rulers. During the past 2,500 years the country has often been fragmented. Local riots have sparked provincial uprisings which, on occasion. have toppled dynasties. Minority peoples such as the Tibetan Buddhists and Sinkiang Muslims have struggled to wrench free.

hat is unusual about Taiwan is that all presidential candidates here, supported by most citizens, assert that the island is, in practice, independent "A rebellious province with an excellent army surrounded by a wide body of water." re-marks Su Shaozhi, another exiled ex-party veteran in Tai-

pei for the elections. Unlike traditional rebel chieftains and the early 20thcentury contenders for power, who included Mao's Communists, no one here wants to take power in Peking. The Kuomintang maintains a fiction of legal authority over China, Mongolia and Tibet, but in 1991 if renounced the use of force to exercise that authority. That is Peking's nightmare: a prosperous Chinese province truly on its own. And with an elected Government. And during an interregnum in Peking, where the aged leader is dying and his lieutenants jockey for what

remains of Communist power.

Oliver Walston argues that neither Government nor farmers could have averted the BSE crisis

Farewell to the roast indsight is an occupational disease of journalists which disease of journalists which in its mildest form is merely in its mildest form is merely irritating. However, when mixed in equal quantities with ignorance, it can produce lethal results. The firestorm of BSE hysteria is an example. As a result, I now find myself feeling profound sympathy for two groups about whom I have beef of old England for two groups about whom I have traditionally been less than enthusi-

of a Conservative Government. My fellow farmers, whom I have often criticised for undue dependence on subsidies, are even less to blame. The infected bone meal from sheep which appears to have caused the outbreak of BSE was, it should be remembered, put in the rations not by greedy or slipshod farmers but by compounders looking for cheap ingredients. It is also worth remembering that this practice was both perfectly legal and widespread throughout Europe. If the first priority of consumers is cheap food, it may not be entirely coincidental that the same objective is adopted all the way up the food chain.

The irony - and the worty - today is that it is now too late for any new measures to be taken. The regula-

altering its policy. For once, I find it tions restricting the use of infected difficult to disagree with the actions tissue and those governing the slaughter of infected animals have all been in operation for the past seven years. Thus, if any infected beef has been consumed, it was certainly consumed before 1988. Meanwhile. all we can do is to wait and wonder whether an epidemic will erupt. I find myself trying to remember how many Cornish pasties I ate in 1986. It

is not a pleasant feeling. Then again, neither is it a pleasant feeling for a beef producer to realise that his 600kg steer, which was worth £750 last week, is worth £550 this week and could be worth much less next week. This fall in price has more than wiped out any profit he would have made. Cattle men are left feeling scared and helpless.

There is no immediate solution to this crisis. To slaughter the entire

national herd would be impracticable. All dairy products and all meat would have to be imported - and there are simply not sufficient quantities available to meet this demand. The knock-on effect would be equally catastrophic as abattoirs, tanneries and producers manufacturing foods as varied as chocolate and jelly found of course there will be a few

beneficiaries on the farms of Britain. Organic beef producers will enjoy increased sales, but this will remain a niche market restricted to those who can afford the very high premium which this produce fetches. Sheep producers have already seen a sharp increase in their prices: a fat lamb which sold for £55 last week fetched E70 this week. The pork and poultry trade will also help to fill the gap left by collapsing beef sales.

The tragedy facing both farmers and the Government is that the crisis has spiralled out of control. The ly", of confidence in beef is so profound that no amount of reassuring ministerial pronouncements can possibly repair the damage. The lady in the supermarket queue may not be interested in the scientific minutiae of BSE, but she knows it is sensible to avoid beef. On the international scene, the position is similar even if the EU veterinary committee gives British beef its approval. France. Germany and the other member states are unlikely to lift their bans.

Faced with the uncomfortable realisation that the media will continue to pour petrol on the flames, the Government will, I suppose, retreat into a series of public relations actions intended to reassure a frightened public. The most likely of these would be to slaughter every animal in any herd which has ever had BSF This would, of course, have no effect on the disease itself but might show a dynamic and active Government. Meanwhile, farmers in the uplands of Britain will be going bankrupt and nobody will care.

The author is a Cambridgeshire farmer, a writer and a member of the Agricultural Reform Group.

Time to make divorce humane



n Monday Members of Parliament will be voting on the best measure to emerge from the latter years of the Major administration. It is Lord Mackay of Clashfern's Family Law Bill. It proposes to make divorce in Britain more difficult.

astic: the present Government and

my fellow farmers. It has also caused

me to thank God that I am not a beef

Today, some ten years after BSE

was first identified, the Government

stands accused of incompetence and

complacency for not acting sooner

and more decisively. Yet it is clear

that if the Government had said ten

years ago what it is saying today, it

would have been rightly accused of

irresponsible scaremongering. The scientific evidence which was pub-

lished this week was simply not

available when the disease first

In the intervening period, the Government followed the advice of

its scientific advisers, which was

evaluated in the light of current

knowledge. Only when this know-

ledge altered did it take the sensible

step of publicising the fact and

appeared in 1986.

producer.

Despite the claims of a mendacious and bizarre campaign against the Bill, it will do just that. Under the new law, the overwhelming majority of divorces would take longer than per cent of them twice as long. Unlike now, divorce would become impossible without a prior financial settlement. Unlike now, the present and probable future conduct of a parent will specifically determine access to children. Unlike now, nobody could have a quick divorce merely by supplying a partner with "grounds" such as adultery, violence or unreasonable behaviour. That is what I call harder divorce - but it is also more humane.

The campaign to retain Britain's present high-speed divorce system — average length seven months — is confused. It has been led with panache by the Editor of the Daily Mail, Paul Dacre, to the growing embarrassment of his staff, and has captured the moral interventionist wing of the Conservative Party. The campaign is eager to retain at its core the concept of "fault". Marriage is not just a bond of love or a pledge for eternity, say the campaigners, but a legal contract. If one party breaks it against the wishes of the other, he or she should suffer. Marital failure should imply guilt, not something as anodyne as "irretrievable breakdown". As symbol of this guilt, divorce should be kept expensive. litigious and acrimonious. To hell with the happiness of those involved.

I find this position immoral. Lord Mackay's Bill does not introduce "no fault" divorce. All it does is end the

use, and abuse, of the concept of fault as a means to a quickie divorce. Fault remains in British divorce law: in section 25 of the Matrimonial Causes Act on the division of property and in schedule 8 of the new Bill on custody of children. By denying divorce in the absence of a settlement, the Bill would increase, not diminish, the innocent party's leverage. At present that party's only redress is to force delay or expensively contest the divorce, a route chosen in only 7 per cent of cases. Full and final settlement before divorce is a great advance on the present quickie system, whose "loose ends" poison future marriages and damage children.

he Family Law Bill has brought out an unattractive streak in the Conservative Party, that of punitive moral interventionism. Ralph Harris, in an article on this page a week ago, accused the Lord Chancellor of such grave errors as enjoying the support of progressives and of wanting divorce "on demand". The trumpet on such a moral issue must never give forth an uncertain sound", said Lord Harris, though no sound is more uncertain than the present quickje divorce. This fierce opponent of state intervention in his right to smoke suddenly demands intervention in other people's domestic mis-ery. "Is it not defeatist," he cries, "to conclude that law is powerless to do much about it?" I am sure Lenin would have said the same.

Laws that prescribe moral attitudes usually make asses of themselves. The present divorce law is inhumane. The advocates of "fault" argue that, by forcing the warring parties publicly to blame each other if they wish for a quick divorce, they are deterring divorce and protecting marriage. This has to be the most specious defence of the status quo in

The Family Law Bill is no threat

to marriage. It should pass

all of public policy. The bulk of the rise in divorce since 1969 has actually been in fault-based cases. The concept of fault does not deter divorce: 75 per cent of couples make use of this procedure despite the cost, misery and hurt to children. It is a bad argument that has made bad law.

If the opponents of the Mackay Bill want to stop divorce they should come clean and stop it. If they believe that people should be made to stick to their pledges, especially where child-ren are involved, they should make them. But they are unwilling to go that far. So they defend a law that merely makes divorce messy, painful and expensive.

in the vehemence of this defence, these people have no concern for the impact of the present process, not only on the happiness of the parties themselves but on their children. Some peers even suggested that children should be able to prolong a divorce procedure, or be consulted on its terms. Of course children want marriages to stay together. Of course those who bring children into a loveless marriage stand condemned in the eyes of most humanitarians. But what most children want is certainty as to their future. They do not want delay.

This is affirmed by every responsible children's agency in opposing any delay longer than a year, by the Children's Society, the NSPCC. Barnardo's, the National Children's Home. They all point out that what children most dread at present is the feature of "fault" most beloved of speciacle of each parent having to berate the other in a public court for his or her adultery or misbehaviour. To seek to corral children into being parties to this parental humiliation is callous beyond belief.

We would all like to see less divorce. Nobody has been able to show how delaying divorce beyond a year will promote marriage, as suggested in Lady Young's failed Lords amendment. There is no evidence that delay promotes reconciliation. For most couples, it merely prolongs uncertainty and postpones the rebuilding of their lives apart. If the objectors were serious about less divorce they might turn their attention to making couples think longer before entering unwise marriages. The way to curb divorce on-demand is to curb marriage-on-demand. The Church of England, so careless of divorcees, might institute a one-year "cooling-off period" between banns and wedding day. Thousands of divorces might be prevented.

The reason for Lord Mackay extending the present average period from seven months to a minimum of a year is to ensure that both the parties are sure in their decision and that they have reached a full and final settlement. If they cannot agree, there is still recourse from the mediator to the law. If the process to settlement takes two or even five years, so be ita powerful incentive on the "guilty" party to settle. The inclusion of pension-splitting in a future Bill will make that settlement even more complex. But what matters is settlement, not the length of the delay.

Family law is law, with an obligation to fairness and efficiency. It is got religious doctrine. It is not Land Harris's moral trumpet or what Tessa Keswick calls in The Daily Telegraph "the pulsating heart of Conservative tradition". If that heart is about anything, it should be about humane legislation that respects personal freedom and responsibility from state interference. Tories should not try to nationalise the family.

ivorce law poses no threat to marriage. Marriage is hard enough without denying those who make mistakes the hope of redemption in a new life. Marital breakdown is no crime. Divorce is by definition about a relationship between consenting adults that, for whatever reason, has not worked. Governments cannot make it work. The thesis that this Bill will "undermine marriage" - or some other Bill might uphold it implies a superiority of the State over personal emotions that, in its limiting case, is communist, i believe that this sort of Toryism, illiberal, punitive and authoritarian, makes the party deeply unattractive to many people.

I see it as a virtue in a law that it should seek reconciliation between parties, minimise cost and protect children. For the opposite - blame. delay, misery and expense - to be proclaimed as virtues in defence of moral trumpers is squalid. Divorce law is not a trumpet. It is the mechanism by which contracts can be dissolved in the interests of the parties involved, not the State. That is patently the aim of Lord Mackay's Bill. It should pass.

History man

bracing themselves for one of their most frightful party conferences, to take place in the autumn of next year. The prospect of shoring up the party faithful after a heavy loss at the general election preys heavily



"I wonder what that means?"

for worse still. Alan Clark, the preening diarist, is to present a four-part documentary series on the party for the BBC during the course of the conference. It is unlikely to be overly sympathetic.

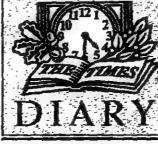
"It's a completely objective look at what the party did in the 20th century, going from the setting up of the 1922 Committee until the 1997 [sic] election," he says. "Conservatives are not actually particularly bothered by their history. That is one of their problems - they are only concerned with the day-to-day

problems of party management."

Clark insists that the programme, which will be accompanied by a book, will be a serious analysis. "No. it will not be salacious," he says. "It's a ridiculous adjective to use."

Curry's off

AFTER four years of grey nights and freezing winds, the owner of the only curry house in the Orkney Islands is closing up and returning to the mainland. Having arrived in



the hope of tapping a rich vein of tourist trade, Moina Miah, the owner of the Mumutaz restaurant, is now a sorry sahib. He is terribly lonely and itching to hear his native Bengali once more.

It ali started so well. Miah, originally from Silhet in Bangladesh. and his six children came to Orkney from Nairn. "We had thousands of murists coming to look at some old rocks," he said miserably. "and they would all come and eat some of my special Lemony Chick-

The Bangladeshi staff who came over with Miah, however, proved his downfall.

"It was terrible," said Miah, with a Bengali love-song playing in the background. "The cooks and waiters would get lonely, and each night I would go to the restaurant

and find another one had gone. Now I am the lonely one."

Lover's tiff

THE FOREIGN Office is appalled by Kenneth Clarke's less than dignified encounter this week in South Africa with an individual who styles himself "Mr Lover Man" and dresses as a condom. Clarke lumbered up blokishly to the rubber-clad icon who was promoting Aids awareness, shook his hand

peatedly to Rhodesia.

South Africa's Mr Lover Man meets Kenneth Clarke

and posed pot-bellied for the "We would never have let our

man get into a position where he had to shake hands with a condom," harrumphed one of Malcolm Rifkind's minders. Blame for the episode is being

placed on Jill Rutter, the press officer accompanying him on the trip, Perhaps this is an unjust accusation, for Clarke is quite capable of making howlers on his own. Yes-terday in Zimbabwe, he referred re-



does harm to my wit."

French catwalks, she decided to pass on the air-kissing and headed instead for a Humphrey Bogart film with her boylriend, an undergraduate at the LSE. Back at the awards, however,

when the presenter announced the award of the prize to "Mademoiselle Honor Fraser" a man approached the stage, picked up the gewgaw gaw and thanked the audi-



Honor Fraser: missing award

ence on her behalf. The fashion types looked perplexed, but flapped their programmes in approval all the same. One problem: who was this man? No one seemed to know, least of all Honor and her boyfriend. The search for him and the missing award continues.

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POOR JOHN BULL

It will never be glad, confident carving again

Beef has, until now, enjoyed a privileged place on the Englishman's table. But the terrible prospect of cante herds facing slaughter and the profoundly unsettling possibility of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease incubating, unknown, in thousands across the country has put an end to that. The meat intertwined with the island story has now become another national institution in which the nation has no confidence.

From the 18th-century beef has been more than a staple foodstuff: it has been central to Britain's self-definition. The Roast Beef of Old England was no bogus Merrie England marketing invention like the egregious ploughman's lunch, but an authentic coinage of Henry Fielding's which sprang from the ubiquity and symbolic importance of the meat for the Georgians. Beef became a potent metaphor in literature, cartoons and political discourse for the virtues of the newly-unified British state. A nation of beefeaters was sturdy, handy with a knife or sword, prosperous and free.

The ascendancy of beef in the 18thcentury sprang from the economic success and agricultural improvements which placed Britain on the trajectory to pre-eminence. In the late Middle Ages and Tudor times what prosperity there was had been built on wood and wool. With Protestantism, and capitalism. Britain grew wealthier than its ancien regime adversaries across the Channel. Where the continentals relied on oxen as draught animals and swine for their meat. the British could afford to eat the more expensively cultivated flesh of the cow. The temperate climate which encouraged political moderation also favoured good grazing. The one part of the British Isles where beef-eating did not take root was impoverished Ireland, where the few cattle were working animals and it was held that "the

common sort" would never kill a cow. The British taste for beef soon became integral to foreign perceptions. In 1748 the Swedish visitor Pehr Kalm remarked that "the art of cooking as practised by most Englishmen does not extend beyond roast beef and plum pudding". More importantly, perhaps, beef became the symbol of the advantages Britons enjoyed which were

denied the lesser breeds across the water. Gillray and Hogarth, two of the artists most vividly engaged with the Georgian social scene, deployed beef as a metaphor for liberty. In 1792 Gillray contrasted the citizens of Revolutionary France reduced to eating scallions and in fear of their freedom with the prosperous and independent Briton plump and free to enjoy best beef.

The importance of beef to the British character was also reflected in the efforts made by rival ideologies to appropriate its imagery. Whoever stood for beef stood for Britain. The Tories and the country faction in Georgian politics portrayed themselves as pure-bred yeomen with plain beef on their oak tables in contrast to Whig grandees such as Walpole and Newcastle whose court elite preferred highly sauced, and highly suspect. foreign delicacies. And, while other nations might equate prosperity with a chicken in the pot, redistributive radicals in Britain, from Cobbett to G.K. Chesterton sought to spread wealth by seeing men secure an acre, and a cow. Even the martial skills which underpinned imperial expansion were attributed to beef: 18th-century sailors ate 208lb of it per annum, six times the per capita consumption last year, and the army relied on bully beef as much as the Gatling gun when it bore the white man's burden. After this week any thought of preserving

beef as symbol of virility and liberty looks, at best, forlorn. Other nations have had their metaphorical mascots in nature threatened. America has seen the bison leave the prairies, giant redwoods felled and the bald eagle face extinction. The Russians have seen the sturgeon, whose eggs proclaimed imperial greatness as assuredly as M Fabergé's, succumb to pollution. The French saw the vines which furnished their finest product blighted forever by phylloxera, and the Irish search for self-sufficiency has always been more urgently sought and more poignantly elusive since the Potato Famine. But none of these nations has suffered such a blow, so precipitately, to its esteem as Britain this week. Tomorrow's Sunday hunch will be a melancholy mealtime as Britons recognise it will never be glad, confident, carving again.

SUPERIOR WOMEN

But who is the most powerful of them all?

Sometimes it takes a survey to discover a Sguth. When our Magazine first embarked upon the exercise of identifying the 100 most powerful women in the world, we assumed that competition for places would be fierce. the past few decades. Surely the problem would be to choose between competing candidates, not to scour the world for more?

Not so: we found it hard to fill the places with 100 truly powerful women. Of the 292 countries in the world, only six have female prime ministers and two have women as heads of state or government. At the top of business and finance, women are even rarer. Science is almost exclusively led by men. And while there are many successful female performers in the arts and the media, the big corporations are still run by men.

Inclusion in the list was determined by points for political power, financial power and personal influence. Jostling for today's top place were Benazir Bhutto. Prime Minister of Pakistan, and Hillary Clinton. Had the question been asked two years ago, Mrs Clinton would probably have won. She was then part of what was almost a joint presidency, sharing the job of the world's most powerful man. Now she has lost public power; her strategic influence over the coming election is wholly private.

Miss Bhutto, on the other hand, runs a country with a population of 130 million and a nuclear bomb. Her power may be constrained by the military on one side and fundamentalists on the other, but we considered that she exerted more influence on more people's lives than any other woman in the world. Asia has the highest percentage of women in powerful political positions - partly because politics there is dynastic, and many of these women are wives or daughters of assassinated leaders.

In other parts of the world — notably the and, suprisingly perhaps, Australasia there still seems to be a cultural bar to female achievement. Scarcely any powerful women could be found in these regions. Even in countries that pay lip service to the advancement of women, there are few of them in the really important jobs. Britain, for instance, has no women chairmen or chief executives of top companies; no women heads of broadcasting organisations; no female heads of large arts companies; and only two women out of 22 in the Cabinet.

So it is a sign of the lack of rivals, as well as of her continuing world influence, that Baroness Thatcher came joint third on the list, despite having been out of politics for half a decade. That she found herself in a dead heat with the Queen was unintentional, but perhaps apt given the slightly competitive nature of their relationship. The record of Britain under Margaret Thatcher - and indeed Pakistan under Miss Bhutto - is testimony to the fact that women in power can be as able and as strong as men.

Yet the path to those positions is still strewn with obstacles, both overt discrimination and unthinking assumptions that disqualify women from top jobs. Women are gradually moving up the ladder of success. If we were to conduct this survey again in ten years' time, we would hope not to find the newer generation of female achievers still excluded from those rungs at the top.

SOUKS ON WHEELS

Why car-boot sales bring out the bazaar in us

East and West, in spite of their much-touted never-the-twainness, meet every Sunday in Britain at the country's car-boot sales. As the week ends, and the Great British Public throngs to these souks on wheels, the land resounds to the chirp of car-boot commerce. "Old records rare and round, yours for just a pound." "Books fat and dense, buy 'em for fifty pence." "Cheese, cheese, eat my cheese please." Furniture, children's clothes, crockery, golf clubs, goldfish, fountain pens, pots and pans, televisions: nothing is too esoteric. nor too unwieldy, for the British bargainhunters and gatherers who weekly stalk

these sales. Yet in the spirit of Jonas Chuzzlewit, there is a rule for bargains: do other men, for they would do you. And in the best traditions of the marketplace, there are other apophthegms, all bristling with a British commonsense: bargains made in speed are commonly repented at leisure; it's a bad bargain where nobody gains; make every bargain clear and plain, that none may afterward complain: he'll ne'er get a

pennyworth that is afraid to ask a price. Buying something - or selling - is only part of the story. Most people do not drive 20 miles to an unkempt park just to buy a kettle; nor do they catch a bus (perhaps

changing once or twice) to buy a video recorder with no visible guarantee. These car-boot sales are guided by a more basic human urge: the need to haggle.

The souk-sense is not just an oriental habit, relished by visitors to Marrakesh, Casablanca, Cairo, Lucknow or Penang. In Britain, too, we seize the chance to lock horns with sellers of goods. Every Sunday we bargain, beat down, chaffer, dicker, higgle, palter, squabble and wrangle. "A bit more: a bit less"; "Come off it, that's robbery: No it's not, it's a Christmas present": "I'll take five for twenty quid: I'll give you three, plus this sweet budgie"; "Leave it out, I've got a wife and six kids to feed: Let me buy that for a

tenner then and you can feed them". Whereas its owner never plies you with cups of sweet tea, nor ever introduces a moustachioed cousin down the road with even better carpets, the British car boot is about the size of an Eastern merchant's stall. Go to one this Sunday and wallow in its challenges. Take your time, size up your quarry, rehearse your best lines and move in for the kill. "How much is that toaster for?" "Forty pounds for you, madam." "What do you take me for?" "A toast-eater, of course." "Right, I'll give you twenty-five. I only eat croissants."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Steps to reinforce child protection

From the Chair of Action on Child Exploitation

Sir, Alan Franks (Taking liberties", Magazine, March 16) is right to point out that although we have a national register of children at risk of sexual abuse, there is no comparable register of child sex offenders. There is now considerable weight of opinion amongst those bodies charged with protecting children, as well as among the general public, in favour of the creation of such a register.

The view of Action on Child Exploitation is that paedophilia is a sexual preference that will stay for life, that changing the behaviour of child sexual offenders is very difficult, and that the success rate is very low. We therefore believe that, in the interests of protecting children, there should be adequate methods of controlling paedophiles and every attempt should be made to find an effective way of changing their behaviour.

The problem is exacerbated by the very low conviction rate of offenders. Even those sentenced by the court are free to disappear into the community on completing their time in prison or on licence or when their probation orders are terminated. Generally they have to engender suspicion or commit another offence before police records

We believe that the arguments for a register outweigh the intrusions into civil liberties which its establishment would mean. Moreover we believe that it should be held by the police and, with normal safeguards, be available to statutory child-protection agencies. A requirement on the of-fender, punishable as an offence if disregarded, should be to keep the register informed of changes in address or employment.

We also believe that the register should be kept in such a way as to ensure that the child-protection agencies are warned when paedophiles move into their area, particularly when they move into households where there are children or into jobs with power over or contact with children.

This letter is written with the full understanding of the civil-liberty is-sues at stake. Children have civil liberties too, one of which is to be free from abuse by adults. I was pleased to learn today that the Government is to give serious consideration to such a

Yours sincerely, DAVID NIVEN,

Action on Child Exploitation. 16 Kent Street, Birmingham.

From Ms Andrea Kelmanson

Sir, The repeated attempts of Thomas Hamilton, the Dunblane killer, to work with young children should serve as a warning to all parents to look carefully at the clubs and youth groups which their children attend, and at their systems for recruiting, selecting, supervising and supporting volunteers and paid staff.

In 1993 the Home Office, in collaboration with a number of voluntary organisations, published a code of practice, Safe from Harm, which describes the steps which a well run group should take to create a secure environment for the care of children. Similar guidance has since been issued by Volunteer Development Scotland and Child Care Northern Ire-

One practical step which anxious parents can take is to find out whether the club or group which their child attends is aware of and adhering to the standards set by these codes.

Yours faithfully. ANDREA KELMANSON (Director). The Volunteer Centre UK. Carriage Row, 183 Eversholt Street, NWI. March 20.

Nature of evil

From the Reverend Jonathan Smith

Sir, Writing in response to the murderous act of Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane, the Reverend John Camp (letter, March 21) asks, "Is mental disorder to be equated with evil?". His question clearly requires a negative answer, which may then have some bearing on the culpability of the per-

However, in no way does it diminish the intrinsic evil contained in the wicked deed. Evil encompasses that area where frustration, pain and death spread despoliation beyond the reach of man's clear responsibility.

Yours faithfully JONATHAN SMITH. The Rectory, 3 The Moor, Carlton, Bedford. March 21.

From Mr Gerry Hanson

Sir, Mr Camp's question misinterprets the reactions which it implicitly criticises. Dunblane demonstrates how an unbalanced person can commit an evil act. It is the deed which was evil - the perpetrator mentally

Such an interpretation, I suggest, makes the deed no less evil but is in accord with the Christian concept of "hate the sin, but love the sinner".

Yours truly. GERRY HANSON, Poners Lodge, 74a Slough Road. Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire. March 21.

'Placepersons' and votes of principle Artistic integrity of

From the Bishop of Oxford

Sir, William Rees-Mogg (Turies but not conservatives". March 18) des-Young's amendment in the Family Law Bill as a coalition of permissives iod of reflection and consideration one year, 18 months, or longer is not a matter of Christian principle but of

I voted in favour of the one-year perdivorcing parents.

This, for example, was the position of Lady Faithfull, who sadly died last week (obituary, March 14: and see letter, March 19) and nobody in their right mind could describe her as either a permissive or a placeperson. Her life was a passionate and practi-cal concern for children and young people. When it is a question of balancing many factors, it is the judgment of people like her that one tends to thust

MP for Watford (Conservative)

If there was a treaty too far (which I dispute), it was not Maastricht but the Single European Act on which most of today's Euro-sceptics were notably silent. Maastricht, to a substantial degree, reins in some of the excesses that emerged from the Single Act.

No doubt Lord Rees-Mogg would describe both Baroness Thatcher and

Lord Tebbit as placepersons for having voted for it. I agree that the Conservative Party is a broad church, but even though

presumptuous as to say he should not

be permitted to continue to describe

House of Commons.

From Mr Raymond W. Baldwin

Sir, I protest most strongly at Lord

Rees-Mogg's unfair criticism of the Prime Minister.

The statesman whose opinion I

would most value is one who does

seem, in the midst of a Babel of jour-

nalists and assorted experts, to be try-

ing to sort out the wheat from the

A chief point of guidance for me is to look at the one who appears to have

striven with greatest judgment and

determination to solve the perennial

problem of the IRA. Here the out-

standing candidate is of course John

Sir. William Rees-Mogg uncharacter-istically errs. The Lord Chancellor is neither "gullible" nor "too much im-

pressed by official advice". He is wide-

ly recognised as being principled, fair

Yours faithfully, RAYMOND W. BALDWIN,

From Mr Hugh Mackenzie

Penn. Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

Major.

cribes those who voted against Lady Lord Rees-Mogg displays distinctly Whiggish tendencies. I would be so and placepersons". Whether the perhimself as a Conservative if he wishes before a divorce is granted should be to do so. Yours faithfully. TRISTAN GAREL-JONES,

iod above all because those in the House who have most to do with children believe that more than one year would be harmful to children of

Yours faithfully, TRICHARD OXON:, Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey, Oxford,

From Mr Tristan Garel-Jones,

Sir. It seems that anyone who does not vote with Lord Rees-Mogg is a placeperson and not a Conservative.

Sir, Your headline, "Methodists close

to becoming extinct" (News in brief,

March 21), rather overstates the case.

At the present rate of loss I calculate it

will be 41 years before the official

membership of the Methodist Church

is reduced to zero. In terms of the wid-

er community role which you cite it would be 74 years. Conservationists would welcome such a time-span.

Of course the picture is more com-

plicated. It would take far less time to

undermine the viability of the Church

buildings and organisation need a

certain level of membership to sup-

port them. That is why the Church

needs to confront the facts, and why

The other side of the coin is that

1,554 churches out of 6,678 (23,27 per

cent) increased their membership in

The resultant picture may well be

not extinction but a stronger, if small-

we have published them.

the last three years.

Yours faithfully.

The Methodist Church

Conference Office,

BRIAN BECK

er strain.

March 21.

Methodist numbers

From the Secretary of the

Methodist Conference

From Mr Stephen Plunkett

and hugely competent.

HUGH M. MACKENZIE,

Fearn, By Tain, Ross-shire.

Hilton of Cadboll Farmhouse,

Yours sincerely,

Sir. The news of an exodus of members from the Methodist Church means there is only one conclusion if it is to survive - unification with the Anglican Church. The erosion of its natural membership base applies to all established churches. Yet the need for an active and creative spiritual dimension in daily life and a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ is all the more important today.

Few people are equipped to cope

alone with the daily crossfire of mod-ern life, where potential relationships, within and outside marriage, are increasingly undermined. This is where leadership within the broad body of the Church is needed. A stronger church with a more informal institutional structure can provide the service that people require. It is then up to church leaders as well as the lay members to reconsider how to get their message across.

i appeal to the leaders of both the Methodist and Anglican churches to reopen the talks that Archbishop Ramsey originated several decades ago. The infusion of new blood and enthusiasm after a unification would lead the way for renewal and growth within the Church.

seemingly ever-increasing transfer of

Groby Road, Altrincham, Cheshire,

Sir. Those parents who cannot control

verbally what their children watch on

television will probably have to ask

those same children how to manipu-

West Dean, Chichester, West Sussex.

Yours faithfully, ROSEMARY STEWART-JONES,

From Mrs R. Stewart-Jones

Yours sincerely, STEPHEN PLUNKETT, 17 Wandle Road, SW17. March 21.

Censorship chip

25 Marylebone Road, NWI.

From Mrs Jill King

Sir. The current debate on the proposed censorship button (report, "Bot-tomiey orders tests on TV clean-up chip" and leading article. March 19) misses the central issue.

If our children and ultimately soclety can only be protected from the re-sults of undesirable elements on television by a resort to technology, it can only be assumed that control and decision-making within the family have been transferred to the younger gener-

If this is the case, who will make the decision to install the device and for how long will it stay in place, given the

From Mr Michael Henderson-Begg

Caught speeding

Yours truly,

power?

Yours faithfully.

4 Groby Court,

late the "V-chip".

Harcourt House.

ЛLL KING.

March 20.

Sir, If the Kent police, using a laser camera, can in one hour catch 183 motorists exceeding the speed limit in a restricted area (report, March 19). and then fine them £40 each, surely by earning over £7,000 an hour the camera, even taking into account the administrative costs involved in collect-

tively short time. Rather than introduce costly traffic "calming" measures, which end up being of more inconvenience to local residents than to the motorists they are meant to deter, would it not be more economical for all local councils to install such cameras?

ing the fines, must recoup its installa-

tion and maintenance costs in a rela-

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HENDERSON-BEGG, 66 Westbury Road, New Malden, Surrey. March 20.

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Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

In the chair

From Lord Esher Sir. You publish today, alongside one another, letters from two ladies. One describes herself as a chair, the other as a chairperson - both to my mind equally absurd. Why have we not in England, years ago, borrowed the Scots word, convenor, which simply solves this silly problem.

ESHER, Snowball Hill, Russell's Water, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. March 19.

Cherie Blair

From Mr Christopher Frazer Sir, It is specious of Peter Hitchens, of the Daily Express, to suggest (letter, March 2l) that Cherie Blair's political views are relevant today because she might once have chosen a political

The plain fact is that she is not a candidate for public office, and her opinions are as irrelevant as those of any other politician's spouse. Yours faithfully.

CHRISTOPHER FRAZER, 2 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4. March 21.

musical soundbite

From the Chairman of the Richard Strauss Society

Sir, You report today that the conductor, Claudio Abbado, is suing his record company. Deutsche Grammophon, on the ground (among others) that they have damaged the artistic in-tegrity of Gustav Mahler's music by compiling a compact disc consisting of slow movements from four of his symphonies.

There are historical precedents where a composer was happy to produce what might be called a "soundbite" of his own work. Richard Strauss produced two waltz sequences from his opera Der Rosenkavalier and a symphonic fantasy from his opera Die Frau Ohne Schatten, Ravel's orchestration of Mussorgsky's piano work, Pictures at an Exhibition, could hardly be said to damage Mussorg-

sky's artistic integrity.
The real reason behind the move to compilations is simply one of economics. I suspect few composers of the past, had they had the opportunity of enjoying extra revenue from their works, would have felt their integrity under threat.

The serious music lover does not have to buy these compilations, but must realise that their high sales enable record companies to invest in really first-class new recordings, such as Decca's reported El million on Solti conducting Die Frau Ohne Scharten

Yours faithfully, RICHARD GOLDMSITH, Richard Strauss Society, Whitecroft, Poole Street, Cavendish, Sudbury, Suffolk. March 20.

From Mr Robert Layton

Sir, Richard Morrison (Who killed the great dictators?", Arts. March 20) may or may not be right in his sur mise that there are no charismatic conductors nowadays, though the same might be said of critics. I can't imagine scholar-critics like Ernest Newman or Eric Blom, writing in the 1950s, or writers like Compton Mackenzie, having any more truck with the cannibalisation of Mahler symphonies than has Abbado.

Mr Morrison errs in imagining that record executives are trying to widen the public for good music. Their interest is not so commercially pure, but rather purely commercial, and if shredding the Mona Lisa and selling bits of it would make them money they would do it.

Yours faithfully, 112 Goldhurst Terrace, NW6. March 21.

From Mr Max Prola

Sir, Richard Morrison relates that conductors now rank rather low in the hierarchy of today's opera house, a venue in which "musical values are mocked by wacky stage concepts, and conductors don't seem to object".

He forgets that one conductor has stepped forward to stem the tide of insane opera productions. Our own Sir Edward Downes courageously refused to be associated with a horrendous Nabucco that he was to have conducted in the Royal Opera's Verdi Festival this summer (report, December 23, 1995). Let us hope that others, conductors and singers alike, will emulate

Yours truly, MAX PROLA, High Leigh, Knutsford, Cheshire. March 21.

Bar on the Internet

From Mr Neil Addison

Sir, Barrister Peter Gray (report, March 20) will not find the Bar rules helpful to him when advertising his services on the Internet.

If clients want to use his services they will have to go through a solicitor, which means e-mailing the solicifor, who then e-mails Mr Gray, who will have to e-mail his reply to the solicitor to e-mail back to the client: a procedure which does rather put the Bar in the slow lane of the information superhighway.

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Things are not so bad, however, for foreign clients, who can contact Mr Gray directly. He can be directly e-mailed from Calais but not from

As the 21st century approaches the Bar remains stuck with its 19th-century restrictive practices. Yours sincerely.

NEIL ADDISON, 5 Garsdale Road. Whitley Bay. Tyne and Wear. March 21.

Canada geese

From Mr Ron Robins

Sir, I am sure the Canada Goose Conservation Society (letter, March, 19) has laudable aims, but having picked my way carefully to the beach across my lawn in British Columbia through Canada goose committee meetings discussing world domination (and who can gainsay the success of their ambitions?) I feel Canada goose conservation takes the biscuit.

Your faithfully. RON ROBINS. The Long Barn, Home Farm. Hartham, Corsham, Wiltshire. March 20.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 22: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Gloucestershire and were received at Cam and Dursley Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Henry Elwes).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove past Slimbridge School to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge, and were received by Lady Scott and the Chairman Designate (Mr Hugh

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the sanctuary. viewing nature activities and the planned Millennium project, and met members of the Council, staff and project managers.

Her Majesry and His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Royal Agricultural College, Ciren cester, and were received by the Chairman of the Governors (Sir Michael Angus), the Principal (Professor Arthur Jones) and the Mayor of Cirencester (Mr Deryck

The Queen, with the Duke of Edinburgh, attended a Luncheon with members of the College, given by the Chairman of the Governors. Later Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the College, viewing various research projects, new accommodation and cademic facilities.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 22: The Prince Edward, Honorary Chairman, Charter for Business. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Young Conadians Challenge, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 22: The Princess Royal. President, Save the Children Fund. this morning visited St Mellons Estate Project, St Mellons Community Enterprise Centre.

Service dinner

The Highlanders (Seaforth. Gordons and Camerons) General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie. Colonel of The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) Regiment, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Balmoral Hotel. Edinburgh.

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Mr William Winfield has been appointed Headmaster of Mill Hill School, London, effective Monday, March II, 1996. He joined the School in 1970 and became Head of Modern Languages in 1975, rising to Deputy Headmaster in 1993.

Crickhowell Road, St Mellons, Cardiff, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant South Glamorgan (Captain Nor-

man Lloyd-Edwards RNR). Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended the Women in Wales Luncheon at the City Hall, Cardiff.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, later visited the Fund's Shop at Beaufort Court, Monmouth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Richard Hanbury Tenison).

ST JAMES'S PALACE

March 22: The Prince of Wales this morning left Royal Air Force Northolt for a day visit to Bologna.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, this afternoon opened the Urban Renaissance Exhibition at the San Giorgio in

Mr Stephen Lamport and Mr Allan Percival were in attendance. The Prince of Wales. Colonel-in-Chief, Army Air Corps, this evening attended the Annual Officers Dinner at Middle Wallop,

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 22: The Duchess of Kent today opened the Ferens Building. the University of Hull and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lordttenant of Humberside (Mr Anthony Betheli).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Holderness Community Health Trust's new day care centre. Park Street, Hull; and later visited Wansbeck Primary School. Wenning Grove, Longhill Estate Hull. Humberside.

Dinner

Lamb Chambers

A dinner was given by Lamb Chambers at Scribes on Thursday, March 21, 1996, to mark the appointment of Judge David Ellis to the South Eastern Circuit Bench. Mr Jonathan Cole presided. The toast to Judge Ellis was by Mr Anthony proposed McNeile

Lecture

University of Wales

Swamea Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, Pro-Chancellor of the Federal University of Wales, delivered the 1996 Lord Morris Memorial Lecture yesterday at the University of QC. President of the University of Wales Swansea, was in the chair.

Weekend birthdays

Princess Eugenie of York is

TODAY: Professor H.C. Allen. American historian, 79; Mr Michael Atherton, cricketer, 28; Mr Norman Bailey, baritone, 63: Sir Roger Bannister, former Master. Pembroke College. Oxford, and first man to run subfour minute mile, 67; Mr Bryan Bass, Headmaster. City of London School, 62; Professor R.J. Bennett, geographer, 48; Professor Francis Berry, poet and Shakespearean scholar, 81; Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, MP, 43; Mr Barry Cryer. comedian and writer, 61: Professor Michael Gleeson, otolaryng-ologist. 48: Mr Peter Godfrey. chartered accountant, 72; the Rev Dr Peter Graves, superintendent minister, Westminster Central Hall, 53: Professor Kenneth J. Gregory, Warden, Goldsmiths' College, 58; Ms Lis Howell, former director of programmes, GMTV 45: Mr Akira Kurosawa, film director, Str. Sir Geoffrey Leigh, chairman, Allied London Properties, 63: Sir David McNee, Metropolitan Police, 71: Mr Michael Manser, architect, 67: Mr Andrew Mitchell, MP, 40: Mr Alfred Morris, MP. 68; Mr Michael Nyman, composer, 52: Sir Ralph Perring, former Lord Mayor of London, 91: Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman. Merseyside Development Corporation, 61: Sir Ian Todd, former President, Royal College of Surgeons, 75: Sir Edward Warner. diplomat, 85; Sir Denis Wright, dinlomat, 85

TOMORROW: Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Guy Acland. Deputy Master of the Household and Equerry to Her Majesty. 50: Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, 53: Mr David Atkinson, MP, 56: MT Roy Berridge, former chairman. South of Scotland Electricity Board, 74: Miss Barbara Daly, make-up artist, 51: Dame Jane Drew, architect, 35; His Honout lames Fox-Andrews, QC, 74: Mr Richard Glordano. chairman. British Gas. 62: Professor John Hedgecoe, professor of photo-graphy, 59; Mr David Jewell, Master, Huileybury and Imperial Service College, 62: Sir John Kendrew, former President, St John's Colige, Oxford. 79: Miss Sonia Lannaman, athlete, 40; Sir Peter Leslie, former chairman, Commonwealth Development Corporation, 65; Mr Benjamin Luxon, baritone, 59; Sir Peter Meinertzhagen, former general manager, Commonwealth Development Corporation, 76; Judge Suzanne Norwood, 70; Mr Herman Ouseley, chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, 51; the Earl of Selborne, 50 Professor Dorothy Severin. Professor of Spanish. Liverpool University. 54; Miss Maude Storey, former president, Royal College of Nursing, 66: Mr Alan Sugar, chairman, Amstrad, 49: Mr P.D.R. Venning, secretary, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, 49: Professor H.B. Whittington, geologist, 80: Mr P.S. Winfield, former senior partner, Healey and Baker, 69.



A portrait of the actor Michael Gambon, part of a portfolio which won Paul Massey, whose work regularly appears in The Times Magazine, the Nikon Arts and Entertainments Photographer of the Year Award for the third successive year

Memorial services

Professor Charles Fletcher The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of ASH, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Charles Fleicher held on Thursday in the Chapel of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral. The Archdeacon of London officiated, assisted by the Rev John Paul and Prebendary Stephan Hopkinson, brother-in-law, led the prayers.

Mrs Caroline Clarke, daughte read the lesson. Dr Veronica Lyell, granddaughter, read from Professor A.V. Hill's The Ethical Dilemma of Science. Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick paid tribute and Canon Eric James

gave an address.
Prebendary Chad Varah was robed and in the Sanctuary, Miss Lara Nicholson, Mer Yessi Phipps, Lord Phillimore, the Dowager Lack Huntingfield, Lord and Lacy Henderson of Brompson, Lord Horder, Sir John and the Hon Lacy Stephenson, the Hon Lacy Stephenson, the Hon Lacy Stephenson, the Hon Lacy Cordelia Venneck, the Hon Strandar Phillimore, Sir Roger Carr prepresenting the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the BBCL, Lacy Rose, Sir Christopher Booth hepresenting Royal College of Physiciansi, Sir Colin Dollery (Dean, Royal Possarduse Medical School, Landon in Inversity with Emericas Professor R 8 Welbourn 1815 or representing Hammersmith Hospitan) and Mer Welbourn. Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, (Trinky College.

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Diabetic Association, Dr A Hollman
(British Cardiac Society), Mr D Church
(Richmond Society) and Mrs Courte. With
Mrs R Dicksont, and Mrs J Vernon-Miles
The Bach Chotri.

Mr R.D. Campbell

A celebration of the life and work of Mr Ronald Desmond Campbell was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev Peter Bishop officiated. Sir Donald Spiers. President of the Royal Aero nautical Society, and Mr Steven Brown, Secretary-General of the International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations. read the lessons. Sir Christopher Chataway. Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, gave an

Miss Diana Law A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Diana Law, Founder President of Action for Dysphasic Adults, was held yesterday at All Souls, Langham Place. Prebendary Richard Bewes officiased and the Rev Philip Warner led the prayers. Mr Ian Harley read the Vice-President of Action for Dysphasic Adults, gave an address.

Weekend anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Alfred Milner, Viscount Milner, imperialist. Giessen. Germany, 1854: Michael Savage, Prime Minister of New Zealand 1935-40. Rothesay, Victoria, 1872; Sir Muirhead Bone, watercolourist and etcher. Glasgow, 1876; Juan Gris, painter and pioneer of Cub-ism. Madrid, 1887: Cedric Gibbons, film designer, Dublin, 1893; Erich Fromm, physiologist. Frank-furt am Main, 1900: Joan Crawford, actress, San Antonio, Texas, 1908: Wernher von Braun, pioneer of rockery, Wirstu. Germany, 1912; Jimmy Edwards. comedy actor, Barnes, 1920; Donald Campbell, holder of land and water speed records, Horley, Surrey, 1921.

DEATHS: Thomas Holcroft, dramatist and novelist. London, 1809: August von Kotzebue, dramatist, murdered, Mannheim,

London's first tramears, designed by a Mr Train of New York, began operating from Bayswater, 1861. Austin Peay. Governor of Tennessee, signed a statute forbidding the reaching of Darwin's theory of

Tomorrow

son, horologist and inventor of the marine chronometer, London, 1776; Paul I. Emperor of Russia 1796-1801, assassinated, St Petersburg, 1801: Mary Tighe, poet, Woodstock, Co Kilkenny, 1810: Bertel Thorwaldsen, sculptor, Copenhagen, 1844; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, poet, Cambridge, Massachuseus, 1882; Charlotte Yonge, novelist, Otterbourne, 1901; Sir Edwin Arnold, nost and scholar London, 1904; poet and scholar, London, 1904; Jules Verne, author, Amiens, 1905; John Millington Synge, dramatist, Dublin, 1909; Enrique Granados, composer, drowned when the Sussex was surpedoed in the English Channel, 1916; Mrs Humphry Ward, novelist, London, 1920; Orde Charles Wingate, leader of the Chindits, killed in an air crash, Assam, 1944: Mary, Queen Consort of King George V. Mari-borough House, 1953; Auguste Piccard, scientist and explorer of

Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Hamp-shire, 1976. The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race ended in a dead heat for the

the stratosphere and sea depths. Lausanne. 1962: Bernard Law

first time, 1877. Denmark abolished capital punishment, 1911.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr JAW. Astor and Miss J.D. Valentine The engagement is announced

between James, younger son of the Hon Hugh and Mrs Astor. of Reading. Berkshire, and Janine. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Valentine, of Reading. Massachusetts.

Captain C.T.H. Beach and Miss LE Horwood The engagement is announced between Captain Charles Beach. The Queen's Royal Lancers, son of Mr John Beach, of Antrim. Northern Ireland, and Mrs Joanna Lindop, of Starewton, Wiltshire.

and Louise, daughter of Lieuten-

ant Colonel and Mrs Philip

The engagement is announced

between Ian, youngest son of the late Mr L. Bruce and of Mrs Bruce

of West End, Woking, Surrey, and

Julie, eldest daughter of Mr E.

Armson and the late Mrs Armson.

of Westwoodside, South Yorkshire.

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and

Mrs Anthony Cox, of Paignton, Devon, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher King, of

Streadey-on-Thames, Berkshire,

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and

Mrs Christopher King, of Streatley on Thames, Berkshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Horwood, of Pyrford, Surrey.

Mr I.R. Bruce

Mr J.A. Cox

and Miss C.L. King

Mr T.F.W. King

and Miss K.G.H. Imm

and Miss J. Armson

Germany, 1819.

evolution in state schools, 1925.

BIRTHS: Georgius Agricola (Georg Bauer), scientist, Clauchau, Germany, 1494: Joseph Liouville. mathematician, St Omer, France, 1809; William Morris, poet artist. printer and socialist. Walthamstow, Essex. 1834; Silas K. Hocking, novelist and preacher, Brannel Cornwall, 1850; Olive Schreiner, writer, Wittebergen, South Africa, 1855; Steve McQueen, film actor, Slater. Missouri. 1930.

David Imm. of Heybrook Bay. DEATHS: Queen Elizabeth I, reigned 1558-1603. Richmond, 1603: Philip Dormer Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, statesman and writer, London, 1773: John Harri-Devon Mr J.R. Doig and Miss J.L. Radford Mr and Mrs Michael Radford, of St Margarets. Richmond upon Thames, are happy to announce the engagement of their younger daughter Jacqueline to Jonathon. eldest son of Mr Colin Doig. of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Gillian Israel, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA. Mr G.H.G. Drury and Miss R.J. Median-Swarm

The engagement is announced berween Garth, son of Mr Charles Drury, of Sudbury, Suffolk, and of Mrs Fiona Ravenhill, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Rosybel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Averol Medina, of Maracay, Venezuala.

Mr J. Durham Hall. QC. and Miss J.H. Hart Jonathan Hall and Hilary Hart

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are delighted to announce that they are to be married in May. Commander T.J. Hosker, RN. and Miss H.K. Howeroft The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Hosker, of Rugby,

Warwickshire, and Heidi

Howerold of Munich, Germany, Mr G.S. Hudson

and Miss M.D. Moss The engagement is announced between Gordon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Brent Hudson, of Swavesey. Cambridgeshire, and Meachelle, eldest daughter of the late Mr Peter Moss and of Mrs Jean Moss, of Vancouver, Canada

Dr C.M. Nutting and Dr M.K. Tipples

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Nurting, of Southampton, and Melanie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Tipples, of Staplehurst,

Dr N.C. Presec and Dr S.H. Campbell The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Pegge, of Hale Barns, Cheshire, and Sally, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs AJ.P. Campbell, of Brereton Park. Tattenhall, Chester.

Marriage

Mr I.R. Sindair and Miss E.J. Belmonte The marriage took place on March Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Sinclair, of Nairobi, to Emma Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Belmonte, of North Berwick. The Rev Milton Cashman officiated.

Appointments

Sir Keith Thomas, FBA, and the Hon Simon Sainsbury have been reappointed trustees of National Gallery.

Lord Leconfield and Egremont has been reappointed a member of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

Church news

New Dean of Salisbury The Rev Derek Watson, Rector of St Luke and Christ Church, Chelsea, diocese of London, is to be Dean of Salisbury, succeeding the Very Rev Hugh Dickinson, who retires at the end of August.

The Rev Stephen Bailey, Priest-in-Charge, St Michael, Berchworth, and St Mary the Virgin, Buckland: to be Rector, St. Michael, Betchworth, and St Mary the Virgin, Buckland (Southwark).

The Rev Stuart Bain, Priest-in-Charge, united benefice of Whitworth w Spennymoor and of Merrington: to be also Rural Dean of Auckland (Durham).

The Rev Elaine Bardwell, Director of Pastoral Studies, St Stephen's House, Oxford: to be Vicar. St Michael and All Angels, Net Marston (Oxford).

The Rev Sheila Ellis, Curate, St. Luke, West Derby: Vicar, St John Chrysostom, Everton (Liverpool).

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10,15 S Euch, Short Service (Battern), Of the glorious body dwelling (Falmong, Rev. 1 Barcend); b 30 S. Thirte is no rise (Boubert), Stanford in G. Mary & Magnifical (Carler, the Fround); b 30 Chiral Endough (Falmong); b 40 C; 11 S Euch, Darke in E. Let all mortal fesh keep vielince (Bairston); 330 Choral E. Stanford in A. Let all the world (Letchton).

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BirgminGHAM CATHEDRAL: 4 MP: 9, 15 HC: 11

Choral Euch & trection of the cross, Drake in E.

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Young 3.45 EP: 4 Messiah - The Passion music.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 4, 15 Choral

M. Wash me throughly (Wesley): 10.30 Euch.

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Choral E. Miscrer me (Allegn), Rev P Hallott.

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CANTEREURY CATHEDRAL: S HC, 9,30 M; 11 S. Buch, Missa Laudare Au: Missa Carlodes (Carlodes) Rev P. Bretts J. J. St. & Installation to Honyrary Carnons. Canterbury Service (Ridout): 6.30 Compline. Rev Firm.

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CHRIST CHRIENT CATHEDRAL Defonds at PC10 M § Sermon, Canon O'Donovan: 13.15 S

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COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP, R

Communion: 10.30 Euch, Deve Gentior and

Byrd a § (Plainsong), Litany, Canon C Burch: 3

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DURHAM CATHEDRAL A HC. The Dean, 10 M.

Stanfurd in B filet. Note moment peccators (Mortey, Canen D Hodgent: 1,15 HC. Messe selementle in C sharp minor (Meme). Canon D Brown: 3,30 E. Collegium Regale (Tawenen. A hymn to the Vingin Britten).

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8 IS HC: 10,30 S Euch, Misse Brevic Capella Regalis (Caesar, Here my prayer O Luni Prurcell). O Lord the maker of all hings (Mundy). The Dean; 3,45 E. Preces (Ruse!) Noble in B minor; 7 Compline.

GRILDFORD: CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: Rev Dr. I. in 8 minor 7 Compiline.

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Fisber: 4.45 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Bertzeigt).

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Deum in G (Williams), God so loved the world
istaineri. DT D Macmiliant 6.30, Wesley in E.
Salvator mund! (Blow), Canon I Chanler.

Teach me O Lord (Attword). The Dean: 11 5 Euch, Missa Brevis (Wills). As a serum (Elegati: 3.30 E.

istulinen, Dr. D. Macmillari: 6.30, Wesley in E. Salvator mundi (Blow). Canon I. Chanler.
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M: (0.30 gach. Collegium Regale (Howells), O bone Janu (Palestrina), Provost: 4 Choral E. Parrant, Drop or be show tears (glibbons), Canon B Glover.
LINCOUN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8, 12.30 HC: 9.50
EUCh. Missa in 8 limpliciture (Agnus Del)
Langlath: 11.15 M, The Lamentation (Balritow), Menedictus in 8 list (Stanford), of Balritow), Menedictus in 8 list (Stanford), or criticus in 18 list (Stanford), or criticus in 18 minori lacch), Canon B Jackson, 5 Short recital of Passion music.
LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP 6 HC: (10.30 L & Euch., Collegium Regale (Howells), Canon M Buyling: 3 Choral E, Tomkins Pausbourdons, Canon M Boyling: 4 HC.
LLANDASF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L. 8, 12.15 M Euch: Parran Euch. Rev N Court: 11 S Euch, Darke in F. Ave verum carpus (Byrd). The Canon:

Church carvings tomorrow

MANCHESTEE CATHEDRAL 1.45 MP, v HC: 10.30 S Euch, Service in D (Jeighton), Canon P Denby: 6.30 E. Second Service (Byrd), Rev H Ogden.

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NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 E Buch.
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Reproaches () Sanders; 6.30 E. Stantord in 8 flas.
Arnecius ad vinginem (Wilkocks).

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SALISBAINY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Caroon D
Dursion, 10 Such. Litary (Lousemorts, Mass for
five voices (Brod). Are verum corpus (Byrd).
Canon J Davies: 11.30 M. The Lamentatin
(Bairstow), Jesus Saviour of the world (cham 4).
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E. Magdalen Sorvice (Leighton).
SALIFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 MP; 11
Judges' service. Te Deum Collegium Regale
Howells, I was Glad (Parry). The Bishop of Ey: 5
And J. Buch of the Annurication, Missa Barroni.
BOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral
Buch, Collegium Regale (Novelis). In Jetunio et
fletu (Tallis), Ave verum (Mozart). Rev D Palnter;
3 E. Second Service (Gibbons). Crueffum (Lord),
The Provost. 3 E. Second Service (GIDDORS). L'INSTITUTE HARMAN, INPETIONNE IL SECONDOS.

SOUTHWELL MINISTER: 7.30 M & L. S HC. 9.30 Parish C. Chancellor, il 5 Euch, fretand in C. Greater Love, Canon R Kirror; 3.15 Passioniste TRURY CANONICA SECONDOS.

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Wessinglich (Sumston in S. Bair.). Benedictic (Bright). Wessinglich (Sumston in Sumston Solemin V&S. Magnificat primit toni (victoria), Lamensations of Jerenijah (part 1) (Lassus); 4.30 Recital.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.35 M: 10.30 Liturgy, Mass for five voices (Byrd), My soul there is a country (Party), Rev Prof J Baron; 4.15 E. 5.30 51 Martine's Passion (Bach).

YORK MINSTER: 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Miss for five voices (Byrd), Rev E Norman; 1(.30 M.) Benedicte (Batten), Jubilate (Bauthoustone) (Moore); 4 E, SI Paul's service (Howelid), Tu espectus (Palestylina). MOORE 4 E. SI Paul's service Howelds, Tu es perus (Paul'estrina).

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Chyrit 8 HC; 11 Choral H, Sarkstor Mund (Tallist, Biessed Jesu 100mt of mercy (Tworald, Rev R Griffithus; 3.50 EP. TY GEORGES CATHEDRAL, Southwarfe 8, 10.60 LM; 11.30 SM, Mass for 100m voices (Byrdt, In God alone is my soul at res (Persard), Rev P Turner, ST GALES CATHEDRAL, Editablish: A. 10 Morning, HC. Missa bevety Gratestrina, Minister; 11.30 Moorning, Cruedinus (Lord), Matheser; 6 Lenners and 6 Evending, Ber D Robertson.

ST PATRICIN'S CATHEDRAL Armsgh: 10 HC: 11 M. Benediche (Bornes /a P. Praise to thee Local Jesus: 3.15 Conflictmenton Service, Ruster in D. Rev H. Moore. Rev H Moore.

ST FAULE CA INCIDENT. Landing. 5 HC: E45 M;

11 S Euch. Collection Regale (Howelts, Benedicus (Moore), Vincer mea electa (Fourent), The Ven G Cassidov. 3.15 E. Wester In E. Christosiantus et (Bracketet, Ber J Daves, E.15 Bectal, ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, Wil. 8.515 LM;

10 ZO MP: 11 HM, Missa Bravis (Wellou), Rev F Johnstone 6 Solemn E&R, Facabourders (William), The Vicar. Johnstone: 6 Solemn Berg, Frandburgers: William), The Vicar.

ALL SOUIS, Langham Piace, Wi-9 Communion: 11, Rev I COOK: 6-30 With all souls orchestra. Rev Dr J Ston.

THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street, Wi-1 (1 Western Wind Mass (Taverner), Lamentations that the modern Cook of the Western Wind Mass (Taverner), Lamentations that the Mass of the Warter, Lamentations of the Western Wind Mass (Taverner), Lamentations that the William Cook of the Warter William (Lamentations) (1 Westerner), Lamentations of the Warter William (Lamentations), Lamentations (Lamentations), SWI-9 ASS HC, Rev S Downham: 1 Informal, SWI-9 ASS HC, Rev S Downham: 1 Informal, SWI-9 ASS HC, Rev S Downham: 1 Informal, Lamentations of the Warter Warter (Lamentations), Lamentation (Lamen

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL RAIL (Methodist)
SWI: 10 HC 11 Morning, Rev Dr P Graves, 6.30
EP, Rev Dr P Glibbins
ST ALBANS, Rent: 9.45 MP, 10.30 S Mass &
STERMANS, Rent: 9.45 MP, 10.30 S Mass &

SET ANNE AND ST AGNES (LIGHTARI), Grotlam St. ECE: 11 Choral HC: Rev P Schwiege; 7 Jazz Vespers, Rev P Schwiege. ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smullfield.

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ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SW1: 11 5 Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina), The Lamentation (Balisson), Rev B Holoway.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-PTELIDS, WC2: 8 HC: 9.45 Euch, Rev B Schunesnann; 11.30 Visitors, Rev C Herbert; 245 Chinese, Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E; 6.30 Evening Office in Len. ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington, WE: 8,12,30 HC: 9,30 Parish Euch, Rev S Green: 11,15

HM, Missa brevia (Leighbon). The Bishop of Chichester 6 Solemn E & Solemn B. ST MANY-THE-VIRGIN, Primitive Hill: 8 HC: 10.30 Parish Euch, Mass Setting (Plainsong), ich liese dich nicht (Bach). Rev D Jones: 6 Passionulde Recial. ST PAULS, Witton Place, SWI: 8,9 HC: 1) Solemn Euch, Missa brevis (Leighioni, Dropdrop slow tears (Leighioni, Ser me as a seal (Walton), Rev N Dawson. (Walton), Rev N Dawson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SWI: 8 IS HC: 10
Partilly Euch; 11 S Euch, Passion Sunday, Mass
for four voices, Are verum corpus (Byrd).

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Müner SL SWI: 8 HC: 11
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CHAPEL ROYAL, S. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP. Like as the nan (Howells), Rev K Russey. Hussey.

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QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: I M.
Benedice (Dyson in P., Ave Verum (Byrd). The
Chaplain: 12-30 HC. THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8,30 HC; 11.5 MP, Benedictie omnia opera (Sumston in 8 flas), Benedicties (Jackson), Salvator mundi Blowt, The Massey. Blowt, The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Barracka, SWI:

10 HC; II M, O vos omnes (Correa; Solus ad

victimam Integritor). Band of the Life Guardy,

Rev J Gough: 12:30 HC.

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Many's Hospital, Paddington.
to Susan and Hugh, a
daughter, Kirsty Floha, a
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NICHARDS - On 19th March at The Portland Hospital, to Eunice (née Halward) and WATSON - On 4th February. baby sister to Jack.

WHITE - Julie (née Crail) and
Septem of Rodenhuist Road.
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Edward John on Thursday 21st March.

DEATHS

BOTTRALL - On 21st March Margaret died seacefully at Edward House, Cambridge, aged 86. Much loved and deeply missed. Requiem Mans at Little St Mary's Church, Cambridge, on BARHAM JOHNSON - On 20th March in Sherhogham. Catherine Mary aged 100 years. Funeral Service at 1pm on Thursday March 28th in Welborne Church. Norfolk Memorial Service at 2.30 pm on Friday April 26th in St Peier's Church. Sheringham. No flowers please but donation for All Seints Centre. Norwich, may be sent to Blyth Funeral Services. 4 Cremer Street. Sheringham, Norfolk.

AREWSTER - On 21st March at the Royal Maraden Hospital, Rev. Lester Brewster of Wallington, Surrey and St Moritz. Funetal on Friday 29th March at 12.46 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Queen Mary's Avanue, Carshalton Reaches, Surrey. Donaldon it desired to Cancer Research or the Royal Maraden Hospital. Flowers and other enquires to W.A. Truckove & Son Ltd., 118 Carshalton Road, Suffan, Surray.

CORBET - On March 20th 1996 Peacefully Sir John Vincent Corbet St., M.B.E., DL., of Addersey and Acton Reynald, Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Moreton Corbet, on Montany March 25th at 2.15 pm. Donations to St Bartholomew's Church, Enquiries to W.R.R. Pugh & Son, (01743) 344646.

CROOK - Hilds Muriel, 85 years (née Howell), pasceluly on 20th March. Pumera Service on 1st April at 11.30 am at 81 John the Baptist Church, Church Church Baptist Church, Church Grove, Hampton Wick, followed by Cremation at Putney Vale Cremation at Putney Vale Cremation, but donations in methory to Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o Garners Funetal Services, Wolverton Avenue, Klogston upon Thames KT2 7QE.

DEATHS DALE - Margaret Jesse, died peacefully March 21st. Funeral Service at Holy Trinsty Church, Greys Hill, Henley-on-Thames March 28th at 1 pm.
DEY - Dorothy, peacefully on 21st March 1996 aged 29, Mother of Bridget Garnett and Andrew and much leved Crandmother. Funeral 12 noon 29th March at Semington Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations is desired for 68 Bartholomew's Church, Corsham, Roof Appeal, c/c H Marrett, 57a Pickwick Roed, Corsham, SN13 998. O1249 713124.
DICKSON - John Heron Dumber on March 20m in Norwich. Aged 71 years. A dearly loved father and grandfuther. Funeral Service at St Andrews Church, Lammas on Wednesday March 27th at 3 pm. Family flowers unity. Donations if desired for The Childrens

March 27th at 3 pm. Parkly flowers only. Donations it desired for The Childrens Hospice. Quidenham c/o Duckers Funeral Service. 23 White Hart Street, Ayitham. Norfolk. tel: (01263) 735176.

DUFFY - James Patrick passed away at 8t James Hospital, Leeds. on March 20th aged 74. Beloved husband of Anne. dearly lowed father of Tomas and a dear grandfather. Cortege will leave home on Wednesday March 27th at 1.10 pm for service and cremation at Lawnswood Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to the Private Chapels of Win Dodgson and Son, Lupton Avenue, Leeds 1.59 GPD.

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Arthur Hubert McMath
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to HM the Queen. Peacefully
on Thursday 21st March at
King Edward VII Hospital.
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of Laura, loving father of
Michael, Jane, John, and
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and Sarah, and greatgrandfather of Cauries,
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SMITH - Dunning Surdon died suddenly in Selishull on Sanathay March 16th, agad 74 years. Dearly loved by both family and friends. Your kind said gentle spirit will be with us always. Properal Service to take place at Yardley Cresnatorium March 20th at 1 pm. Pamily flowers only please, dopations if desired to Stratford Volunters Bureaus, The Hospital, Stratford-upgn-Avon CV37 SNW. MACKARNESS - OF 18th MACKARNESS - Op 18th
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DEATHS MARSDEN - Ivy on March
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SMITH - On 21st March 1996 peacefully at Blandford Hospital, Willoughby Slik, Musicologist and Horn-player, Dearly loved by family and friends. Puneral service at Bryanston School Church, Blandford, Dorset on Tuesday 2nd April 1996 at 2 pm. No flowers by request but denations if desired for The Helen Sanin Fund Hanterd School c/o Colin J. Cloop Funeral Service, 18 Salighury Street, Elandford, Dornet, tel: (01258) 453135.

DEATHS STRACHAR - Duncan Nellson, On March 19th suddenly but peacethin at home with Noble Palmer his joying partner for 18 years. Dearly loved father of Edward and Joanna and much loved brother of Sheans. Funeral at St Columbr's, Port Street, at 12 hoos on Tuesday 26th

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encount - Osiphent Murray born 100 years ago (24th March 1896) at Lennandown, Stirlingshire, died 1994, Remembered with love by bis family. PERDEREL - Harold Punderel of Gerth, Puntardawa. Born this day one hundred years ago and who died July 23rd 1967. 'My near'st and dearest enemy" MOB.

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VINCENT - Duris on March - 21st peacefully in hospital said 39, Will of the late Willer and beloved mother of Patricia. Cremation at Goldery Green der March 25th et 3.45 pm. No flowers please, donalists # desired to Iris Fund c/o Thomas Trongy, 4 Candwell Street, London ECIR IMD.

WATLING - On March 21st peacefully and with great dignity aged 108 Isabel. widow of John Beat: dearly loved mother of Peal and the larte Peggy. Fumeral at St Andrew's Church. Chew Magna, on Friday March 25th at 2 no. Family Inowers only but donations if desired to the Royal National Institute for the Royal National Institute for the Royal National Streets. Tumbridge College. Chew Magna, Bristol BS18.

IN MEMORIAM --

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Enders, US diplomat and banker, died of melanoma in New York on March 17 aged 64. He was born in Hartford. Connecticut, on November 28. 1931.

THOUGH brusque in character. Tom Enders succeeded in pursuing an adroit career as a diplomat, much of it accentuated by Cold War intrigues in tropical climes. He played an important role in the secret bombing of Cambridia during the Nixon Administration and later, as Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, he found himself dealing with the aftermath of the first Opec oil crisis. In the most controversial period of his diplomatic career he was Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, guiding the Reagan Administration's policy in Central America. He also served as Ambassadur to Canada and Spain.

Enders, as one of his colleagues once out it. "had the exterior of a very cold, difficult kind of person. But what was behind it was a very impressive intelligence and strength of character. He remained aloofly self-composed even when embroiled in the must complex political situations.

After retiring from the American Foreign Service. Enders embarked upon a second career in the world of finance. As a managing director of Salomon Brothers he became head of its New York international corporate finance group. He built on his extensive experience in Latin America. ' recognising early on the growth potential of emerging markets in the aftermath of the 1983 debt crisis. At Salomon Brothers he played a major role in the return of borrowers in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico to the international financial markets. and created financial structures for this purpose.

His efforts led to Salomon Brothers representing entities in the region in numerous strategic assignments. These included advising the Mexican Government in the restructuring of the financial sector: the first SEC-registered equity issue by a Chilean company in recent history; participation in privatisations of the telecommunications sector; and representing Latin American interests in their US

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Thomas Ostrom Enders demonstrated great promise at an early age. His was one of the most distinguished academic records ever achieved at

Daniel Cunningham,

physiologist, died on February 26 aged 76. He was born on October 21.

AN EMINENT physiologist,

Dan Cunningham made im-

portant contributions to the

understanding of the regula-

tion of breathing in man. He

was also a respected Oxford

medical tutor, patient with the

average undergraduate and

exceptionally stimulating to

Daniel John Chapman Cun-

ningham was born in India.

the son of a doctor in the

Indian Medical Service, From

the age of 10 he attended

Loretto School, and in 1938 he

won an exhibition to Worces-

ter College, Oxford. At the end

of his second year, having won

the university prizes in both physiology and anatomy, he

went to Edinburgh to study at

the Medical School. An abbre-

viated clinical course allowed

him to join the RAMC in 1943.

and he spent the next two

years attached to the 3rd

Parachute Brigade in North-

those of particular talent.

THOMAS ENDERS



Yale. He graduated in 1953 summa cum laude. first of his class, and went un to obtain a Masters in History at the University of Paris (1955) and in Economics at Harvard (1957).

Enders entered the Foreign Service of the United States in 1958. Within a decade he had become deputy assistant secretary for international monetary affairs. In 1970 he won the Arthur S. Fleming Award as one of the ten outstanding young individuals in the federal Government.

In 1971 the Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, selected Enders for assignment in Cambodia where he served as chief of mission for three war-torn years. Here Enders played a vital role in American efforts to bolster the Saigon Government during the withdrawal of American troops from South Vietnam. He was placed in charge of a committee that reviewed requests by the Government of Prime Minister Lon Noi for clandestine American bombing raids over Cambodian terri-

tories occupied by North Vietnamese forces. His was something of a precarious position. Not only was he the target of three assassination attempts - on one occasion the car he had been riding in was entirely destroyed - but he also aroused the anger of certain congressmen. He was accused of misleading two representatives of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who had visited Phnom Penh to investigate whether American air strikes were sometimes overstepping congressional restrictions.

Kissinger, however, promoted Enders and in 1974 he returned to the State Department as Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs. He supervised American participation in the Group of Seven response to the aftermath of the first Opec oil crisis. Under his leadership the International Energy Agency was created under the auspices of the

In 1976 Enders became Ambassador

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He returned to Oxford in

October 1946 for the third year

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Appointed a departmental

demonstrator - he was pro-

moted to university lecturer

five years later - he began the

series of experiments that

clarified many aspects of the

control of breathing. Over the

years his laboratory flour-ished, and he enjoyed close and fruitful collaborations

with many colleagues, partic-

ularly Dr B. B. Lloyd and later

Dr E. S. Petersen. Moreover,

the breadth of his interests

enabled him also to make

significant contributions to

medical science in the fields of

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to Canada. He travelled across the country forging a new quality of bilateral relationship with America's largest trading partner. He played a central role in surmounting the delicate political and commercial barriers to an agreement on the construction of a new pipeline to carry natural gas from Canada to American markets.

From 1979 to 1981 Enders was Ambassador to the European Community in Brussels, where he worked on reducing trade barriers as well as

other economic policy issues. At the behest of the Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, Enders became Assistant Secretary of State of Inter-American Affairs at a time of strong and conflicting emotions concerning US foreign policy. Enders sought to be a halancing force while addressing a progressive agenda, but he was seen as something of a hardliner when he defended the El Salvadorean Government during a wave of death-squad killings and army massacres. However, he believed that the resolution of economic problems would bring political stability in its wake, and he worked to promote economic reforms and

export development programmes.

Somewhat disproving his earlier critics, he also pressed for negotiations with left-wing groups in both El Salavador and Nicaragua. His support of free elections and the development of democratic institutions led to elections in El Salvador in 1982. In Nicaragua he supported a two-track policy of maintaining military pressure on the Sandinista Government through the Contras while initiating negotiations between the two sides.

From 1983 to 1986, Enders was Ambassador to Spain. He worked on building popular and governmental support to keep Spain in Nato, and also led successful negotiations for the maintenance of American military bases at reduced strength. During this period he wrote a book, Latin America: The Crisis of Debt and Growth. In 1986 he retired from the Foreign Service and joined Salomon Brothers

A man of imposing stature, Enders enjoyed mountaineering. He climbed extensively in the Canadian Rockies and the Alps, and walked throughout France and Spain, locating the old Roman and pilgrimage trails. He also collected rare books on travel and exploration, and early maps chroni-

cling the discovery of the Americas.
He is survived by his Italian wife Gaetana, whom he married in 1951, and by three daughters and a son.

Cunningham's great success as a human physiologist

was attributable to three fac

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quantitative approach and of mathematical models that

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experimental conditions.

Thirdly, he benefited greatly

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studying specific impairments

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ment, he gained less rec-ognition in Oxford than was

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where). In addition, the aston-

ishing advances in neurophysiology of the past few decades have tended to over-

shadow other areas of physiol-

ogy.

But if he felt disappointment

at not being made a Reader.

he never showed it. Consider-

are and reticent, he kept all his

feelings to himself; only those

close to him were aware of his

great warmth, or of the inten-

sity of his emotions, expressed for example in his response to

music and in his deep compas-

Cunningham married Judy

Hill, a professional violinist,

in 1947. She survives him,

together with their son and

sion for others.

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LORD AIREDALE

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Oliver James Vandeleur Kitson, 4th Baron Airedale and a Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, died on March 19 aged 80. He was born on April 22, 1915.

LORD AIREDALE served as

a Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords for more than thirty years, breaking previous records of service in that office. He was a Liberal peer and a familiar figure in the chamber, noted for his lack of sartorial elegance - his clothes, too, certainly breaking records of long service. He loved the Lords, attending the sessions with commendable regularity and treating the House as his home-fromhome. By way of contrast he also daimed the record for the shortest speech in the history of the House when, in July 1965, he rose simply to announce that he had nothing to

The Airedales were a Yorkshire family with a propensity for breeding females. Their progenitor was James Kitson, Mayor of Leeds, 1860-62, whose son became the 1st Baron in 1907, having served as MP for Colne Valley, York-shire, from 1892 to 1907. He died in Paris in 1911, leaving a million pounds. The 2nd Baron produced seven daughters and was succeeded in the title by his half-brother, a director of the Ford motor company and the Bank of England. His son was Oliver, the 4th Baron. Oliver Kitson's mother was

from the trish family of Vandeleurs, in Co Clare, and he added their name to his own as an additional Christian name. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College,



Cambridge, and became a barrister at the Inner Temple in 1941. He served during the war as a major in The Green Howards. In 1958 he succeeded his father as 4th Baron and three years later he was selected as a Deputy Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords and the following year as a Deputy Speaker.

Airedale was a public-spirited man, who engaged in numerous public issues, many on behalf of the private individual and consumer, in 1959 in a letter to The Times he urged banks to keep their doors open longer in order to disperse the queues that formed in the lunch hour. This was only achieved many years later. In 1965 he advocated that health warnings be placed on cigarette packets rather than posters "as it reaches the people who need most to be warned at no cost to the taxpayer".
In 1967 there was a pro-

longed drama at his country seat when planners observed that he had built a gate in the wall of his rambling mansion, Ufford Hall, near Stamford. He did so because the wall fell down and he was aware of the potential hazards since his cousin's child had been killed by falling masonry. The council objected to his gate, but he was allowed to keep it on condition that it was fixed closed and could therefore be deemed a wall. Airedale commented: "A lot of damned nonscrise."

Later he engaged in a long feud with the rural council over what it claimed was the non-payment of 561 legal expenses. He stood his ground and, being well versed in the law, he won the day, despite numerous visits from the local constabulary.

Among the other issues

Airedale tackled was an attack on commercial radio, which he believed produced more bad music than good, and programmes "dealing with horror and sensationalism". He also involved himself in the decimal currency debate; succeeded in changing the name of the Consumer Protection Bill to the Trade Descriptions Act: and tightened the legislation concerning misleading advertising by suppliers. A keen animal and bird lover, he took special pride in winning a battle to prevent police from searching the premises of suspected egg thieves without a warrant from a magistrate. For recreation he enjoyed making elderberry champagne which he served to his guests in Lincolnshire.

On account of the number of females in the Kitson family and the corresponding lack of males, there is no heir to the barony. Lord Airedale re-mained a lifelong bachelor.

HER HIGHNESS LADY VICTORIA OPOKU-WARE II

Her Highness Lady Victoria Opoko-Ware II, First Lady of Ashanti, died of cancer on March 6 aged 66. She was born in Kumasi, Ghana, on April 22, 1929.

IN ASHANTI history, no female consort of the king has ever played so prominent a role as Victoria Opoku-Ware. Diplomatic, but demanding in tors. First he was subtle in character, she was described as one of the most powerful Ashanti new apparatus. The treadmill people in the kingdom.

The ancient kingdom of Ashanti is now an administrative region of the modern republic of Ghana. But although its ruler, the Asantahene, wields no executive power he continues to maintain a court and oversee his people's strongly traditional tribal structures. The king customarily contracts a number of dynastic marriages. However, Victoria Opoku-Ware remained, uniquely, her husband's sole consort. She played a pivotal role through-out the difficult years of modernising the monarchy in a country dominated by the tension between the traditional Ashanti polity and the modern state, and in doing so she shaped a new and stron-

ger role for the first lady of Ashanti. Victoria Nana Akua Afiirivie Bando was groomed for her position from an early age. Born in the Ashanti capital Kumasi, into one of the most prominent families in the kingdom, she was betrothed at the age of just 13 to Matthew Poku, a nephew of the King, Sir Osei Agyeman-Prempeh II, who had ruled the kingdom of Ashanti for forty years. In 1945, a short while after she had completed her education at Wesley Girls High School,

with full royal honours. In Ashanti culture the monarchy is not handed down by primogeniture. It is said that it was to a great extent because of the advocacy of Lady Victoria that in 1970 her husband

Cape Coast, she was married



came to the throne - the Ashanti golden stool. From then on she played a powerful part. In the matriarchal Ashanti culture, she was in the vanguard in harnessing and propagating the strengths of Ashanti women and in championing equal rights.

Perhaps her most important role, however, was that of intercessor. Heads of state sought her guidance, advice and support before making overtures to the King. She was also an important ambassador for her people, accompanying the King on overseas visits - including one to Britain in 1971 when they were received at Buckingham Palace - and entertaining in Kumasi foreign statesmen including President Nixon and President Bush.

Lady Victoria was a convinced Christian. It was under her auspices that Robert Runcie, then Archbishop of Canterbury, first met Pope John Paul II. This was to lead to the Pope's historic visit to Canterbury in 1982.

In 1995, despite her failing health, she carried on her duties with aplomb and a dedication to duty which culminated in the silver jubilee of her husband the King. In a kaleidoscopic celebration, hundreds of chieftains swathed in traditional kenti robes and weighed down by golden jewellery came with horn-blowing entourages to pay their respects to one of the longest-serving monarchs on the African continent.

She is survived by her husband. King Opoku-Ware II. and by her son Akempimhene of Kumasi, who within the court is head of the King's Cabinet. She is also survived by her two daughters.

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BOUND TO COME BACK By Leonard Buckley BBC on Song Contest Knock, knock. Who was there? I was. And if

you are half the patriot you should be, you were there too, watching and nooting for Britain. The Greeks had their festival of Dionysus. The druids had Stonehenge. We have the Eurovision Song Contest and Saturday's audience in 25 countries, was estimated at 399,999,999 and me. I, of course, had been glued to the television set since the early evening, ready with my hall-point poised over the score chart in the Radio Times. ("After all the songs, the 12 juries will consider their verdicts. Each country has ten marks. Enter the votes in the vertical columns - then add them up to find the winner. In the far left column award your marks - and choose you own winner.") If it transpired that I had picked up the wrong copy and was marking a plan of last year's Boat Race, well, these things can hannen when you are excited.

Mary Hopkin kept her head for Britain. She looked fetching in a gown of sparkling black, and when her thin little song invited us to take

ON THIS DAY

March 23, 1970 **经上海股**

Something so bad is bound to come

back," reflected Leonard Buckley gloomily as he watched the Eurovision Song Contest.

off our coats and come inside I thought we were home and dry. In the event, however, she came second, well beaten by Dana (Rosemar) Brown) for treland who sang a song entitled:
"All Kinds of Everything", which I personally
thought no sort of nothing. But all LZ entries
were undistinguished. I doubt if a more indifferent group of songs has ever been heard at one and the same time since the junior composers' competition at the Paignton Musical Festival in 1973.

The camera, however, got above itself this year. We were taken on a tour of Amsterdam before we swept into the concert hall, and we

also saw the contestants in their habitats. I liked the glimpse we had of the Frenchman chasing a girl round a tree near the Eiffel Tower, Colour, too, added its surprises. The young man from Spain wore a sky blue suit. while his backing group were in shocking pink. The voting, drawn in from the capitals of Eurpoe, went off with fewer hitches than usual, though I felt that the B.B.C. might have let Bob McKenzie or one of its other psephologists give us some quick comments on the swing. One thing puzzled me. The stage motif was all spheres and scimitars. Though this was Holland I was reminded somehow of the Japanese Samurai. Perhaps that was why I kept thinking of hara kiri.

There are doubts about the future of this contest. But something so bad is bound to come back. Indeed, with the Iron Curtain countries now watching we could even have an entry from Russia. Which brings a warning. Mary Hopkin for all her sweetness seemed at only three-quarter power. For this affair you need a song with a beat and you need to belt it out. So if one of those young ladies from the steppes does ever come forward to thud out a ditty whom could we possibly put up to oppose her? I can only think of Mr. Clive Jenkins.

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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

British beef industry faces ruin

■ The beef industry stared ruin in the face as the world boycott of British meat and cattle spread and the European Commission declared unilateral bans by nine EU countries legal.

As prices continued to plummet at cattle markets, the Consumers' Association gave the starkest warning yet to people to stop eating beef products Pages 6, 7, 22, 23

Nadir thwarted by aide's conviction

Asil Nadir former head of Polly Peck International, had his hopes of a triumphal return to Britain from his home in northern Cyprus dashed yesterday when his former aide was convicted at London's central criminal court of handling nearly £400,000 in Pages i, 4 stolen funds...

Doctor struck off

A general practitioner who used unaware patients as guines pigs in drugs trials was ordered to bePages I. 3 weekend... struck off.....

IRA rejects poll plan

The IRA dashed hopes of an imminent ceasefire by rejecting John Major's Ulster poll plans as "unacceptable".. ... Page 2

Morris to retire

Alf Morris, one of the leading postwar campaigning MPs, announced he is retiring from Parliament at the next general

Dunblane return

Dunblane children went back to their primary school, 10 days after the killing of 16 pupils and a

Hidden treasure

A massive 1720s line drawing has been found under a Kensington Palace ceiling canvas Page 9

Bootiful weekends

Car boot sales, where haggling is the order of the day, attract more than a million people every ... Pages 11, 23

Muslims murdered

A UN officer says at least 3,000 Muslims were murdered by the Bosnian Serb Army after Srebrenica's fall

Chinese checked

The presence of US aircraft carrier groups has complicated Peking's calculationsPage 13

Mandela peace call

President Mandela called for a new strategy against political violence after 11 people were killed in KwaZulu/Natal....

Oscars protest

Jesse Jackson plans demonstrations in US cities during Monday's Oscars ceremony broadcast. Only one of 166 Academy Award nominees is black ..

Nigerian villagers commit a howler

British ornithologist Philip Hall, on the trail of one of the world's rarest owls, entered a Nigerian village where the Rufous Fishing Owlbird had been sighted. But villagers had killed it the night before -- and eaten it that morning......

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Maddening creature with a thick hide which chooses

to feed its young in public. Will probably be slaughtered with the whole herd at a General Election.

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ing more and more ... Page 27 Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 8.7 to 3,707.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 84.0 to 83.9 after a dip from \$1.5372 to \$1.5348 and from DM2.2697 to

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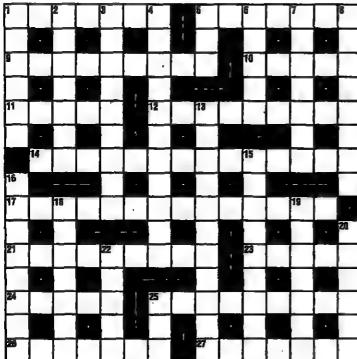


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ACROSS

- 1 Part of normal achievement for bookmaker (7). 5 Harbour unsuitable for old ves-
- sels, according to Matthew? (7). 9 Record entrant moving right to
- the front? Sorry! (9). 10 Name on jacket? Right (5). 11 American people love a guru (5).
- 12 Person anxious to get on vehicle ! steer badly (9). 14 Soccer players in hospital? (6.8).
- 17 How chess players regard each other. in general (6.3.5). 21 His, perhaps? (9). 23 Rated intelligence about military group, one from Arab country (5).
- 24 Tether that is restricting ram? Just the opposite (3,2). 25 Muscular type taking prize at US gathering (9).
- 2 26 Part of army, exhausted, with-27 Record English service in see (7).

l Girl making a minor error (6). Mathematician seen in the square in his home town (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,117

3 Study new score including Tchaikovsky's first musical pieces

4 He appreciated the gravity of the situation in the garden (5.6).

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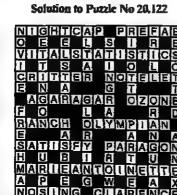
13 Pen. possibly, holds a Red in this state (5.6).

15 Banquets in courts characteristic of a good deal? (9). 16 Most effective medicine stops onset of fatal attack (8).

18 Stagger with shock treatment, and return to seat (2-5). 19 Get ready for serial broadcast to

20 Will soon get repetitions eliminated for the President (6). 22 Turn up to change position of plant that's lush (5).

25 Bit of America that Amerigo discovered initially (3).



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☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundes, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: overcast with rain or drizzle at times, sleet or snow on hilfs. Brighter weather spreading from north during the day. Winds light easterly.

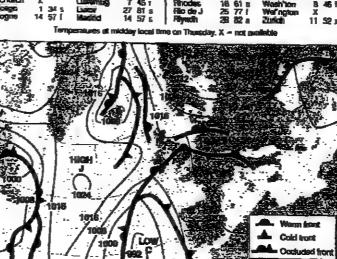
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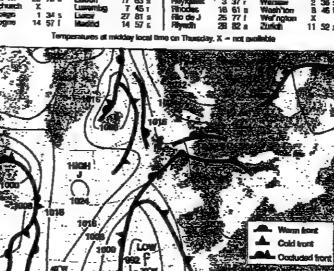
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Subsidence blights housing recovery

BY SARA MCCONNELL

RENEWED fears of subsidence are blighting growing numbers of houses for sale as cautious valuers insist on additional engineers' reports for any visible cracks.

In most cases, cracks are not due to subsidence, but prospective buyers are refusing to spend hundreds of pounds on extra reports and are going elsewhere. Lenders will not advance mortgages unless satisfied with a valuation.

This is a blow for the housing market, just as it is starting to show signs of recovery after live years in the doldrums.

Insurers were forced to pay £326 million in subsidence claims in 1995, more than double the amount in the previous year. Norwich Union paid £18 million worth of claims for subsidence last summer, Commercial Union set aside an extra £26 million, and Legal & General paid out £23 million. They say that another hot summer will

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bring more subsidence misery for thousands of homeowners. London, the South East, the Midlands and Manchester are the worst affected.

Brian Bundy, branch said valuers were being much more cautious. "They see a crack and see possible subsidence. Ten years ago, they wouldn't have worried."

Valuers are anxious to cover their backs to avoid being sued by lenders or borrowers. A number of them are still fighting legal battles with lenders who allege they overvalued property as the market went into freefall in the early 1990s.

Geoff Holden, of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, said: "If valuers see a crack they don't like, they would tell a buyer to take further advice from a structural engineer. When confronted with a crack, buyers will often pull out. The cost implications put a lot of people off."



Pinstriped pickets descended on the City yesterday, to protest against the office suit, as part of a campaign by by Levi Strauss, the casual wear company, in support of a ban on formal suits for at least one day each week

BCCI liquidators fight threat to fee

THE liquidators of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International may lose 40 per cent of their £10 million Luxembourg fees, and future fees worldwide are threatened, after a panel of "experts" in Luxembourg told a court that their

charges were too high. In court yesterday, Deloitte & Touche, the liquidator, defended their fees, and, in a letter to the experts, the firm has described an expert report as "fundamentally misconceived, superficial and inadequate". BCCI collapsed in 1991 with estimated liabilities of \$14 billion and still has a black

hole of \$10 billion. The liquidators were particularly stung by the experts' attempts to force Brian Smouha, the Deloitte & Touche senior partner who coordinated the worldwide liquidation of the bank, to take lower fees than the experts have agreed for themselves. In theory, the expert opinion

is applied only to £2.5 million fees for work done in relation to Luxembourg-based BCCI SA by Deloitte & Touche in the six months after BCCI's collapse. This means a reduction of El million. However, the liquidators fear that if the Luxembourg court accepts the expert opinion, it could seek a

similar reduction to subse-

quent fees of up to £10 million. The total Deloitte & Touche fees so far are \$300 million. Although most of this has been approved by UK and Cayman Island courts and creditors' committees, the liquidators fear that future fees could be affected. Fees are running at tens of millions of dollars a year. In the UK, where the bulk of liquidation

fees are incurred, fees were \$14 million last year. Tony Houghton, a partner. in Deloitte & Touche said: "We have taken this very seriously. They have suggested that we have over-charged, that the rates we have applied are not

related to the work we have under taken. This is professionally damaging." The experts were appo

by the Luxembourg court in 1993 in a standard procedure there to review the activities of liquidators in the provisional liquidation after the collapse of BCCI in July 1991 until January 1992. Even though the Luxembourg court had approved the Deloitte & Touche fees, the experts commented on the fees applied for by the liquidators.

The panel of experts is made up of Bernard Harder, a French accountant, a sole practitioner. Dr Christian Derpa, a German lawyer in a two-partner practice, and Jean Reuter, a Luxembourg accountant from a small firm.

They recommended that the liqudiators' fees be at the rate for a European audit. Mr Houghton said that they calculated a mixed bag of rates, looking at what they said were average rates for European

firms, and came up with what they called "an average rate". Mr Houghton said that Dea translation of the draft report from the experts early last year.

In its response, it sought expert opinion from other firms that have done big insolvency investigations. KPMG and Coopers & Lybrand gave evidence in support of Deloitte & Touche, saying that insolvency rates are higher than audit to reflect the different nature of the assignment and the role of professionals in managing the future of a company in crisis. Both said that the Deloitte & Touche fees were less than they would have

charged. In a letter to the experts in January, John Connolly, De loitte & Touche managing partner, said: The experts did not even consider relevant insolvency rates nor indeed dent experts." He said of the panel: The expertise is of no value and should be ignored."

Success for \$2.6bn **Disney** global bond

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

WALT DISNEY'S \$26 billion global bond issue was snapped up by investors yesterday. CS First Boston and Merrill

Lynch, joint lead managers of the deal, had initially offered a \$2 billion two-tranche global issue in live and ten-year tranches. However, strong demand for the prestigious Disney name prompted managers to raise the size of the offering. Oversubscription for the global offering enabled managers to achieve a bener price for the deal than many traders ex-

pected. It had been long-awaited as part of a package to fin-ance the acquisition of Capital Cities in the US for \$19 billion announced last August. There is still speculation that Disney may have to raise further debt to finance the \$10 billion cash element of the acquisition.

The first tranche is for \$1.3 billion, maturing March 27, 2001. It is to be priced at 35 basis points over Treasuries. The second tranche is also for \$1.3 billion, maturing March 27, 2006. It is to be priced at 47 basis points over Treasuries. Traders had initially expected a \$1.5 billion global offering with a spread of between 38-40 basis points over Treasuries for the first tranche and 50 basis

points for the second. According to reports last night, the five-year tranche had been most popular among European investors, while the ten-year tranche had appealed to US institutions.

Yesterday's deal is the first global bond issued by Disney. If it had not been split into two the largest corporate global bond ever. Further issues from Disney are expected. Analysts in New York last night said that following the acquisition Disney may still have to sell

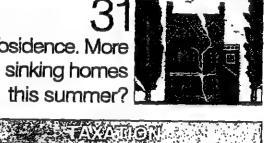
some assets to pay down debt. The firm was nearly debttree before the acquisition, but now carries \$16 billion in goodwill and possibly as much as \$21 billion in debt, according

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Guinness in £460m buyback of shares

By Eric Reguly

GUINNESS yesterday paid £460.5 million to buy back 100 million shares but said the move would not affect its ability to make a significant acquisition. The deal, at Thursday's 450.5p closing price, was equivalent to 4.9 per cent of Guinness's share capital.

LVMH Moet Hennessy, the French drinks and luxury goods group which owns just under 20 per cent of Guinness, did not tender any of its shares. its ownership, as a result, rises to 21 per cent. Charles Winston, an analyst with BZW, said the buyback would enchance current year earnings by about i per cent. It will increase debt from £1.2 billion to about £1.7 billion, taking gearing from 28 per cent to 46 per cent.

Tony Greener, chairman, said: Guinness has enormous financial strength and can take more gearing. It [the buyback] does not inhibit us in any way from making acquisitions if they come along." ☐ Heavy turnover in Guinness helped stock market turnover surge to its best level this year of 1.1 billion shares.

Glaxo Wellcome report shows £2.15m for Sykes

By Eric Reguly

SIR RICHARD SYKES, chief executive of Glaxo Wellcome, received £2.15 million in salary and other payments in the 18 months to the end of December, the annual report, published yesterday, revealed. The figures span an 18-month period because the group changed its year-end after Glaxo's £9.1 billion purchase

in 1995 of Wellcome. Of Sir Richard's total, £1.12 £770,000 a one-off payment to terminate an old incentive scheme. He also received a Tempus page 30 | £212,000 performance bonus

and £41,000 of benefits. In the 12 months to the end of June 1994, total remuneration was £931,000. His base salary in the current year is £800,000 and he has 433,000 share options, whose average exercise price is 650p. The shares

closed down 2p, at 817p.
The second highest paid execunive director was Jeremy Strachan, responsible for legal and corporate affairs. In the 18tion was £1.06 million, of which £514,000 was salary and £414,000 payment to terminate

Bonuses lift NatWest directors' pay

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NATWEST directors had their salaries frozen last year. but most enjoyed substantial increases to their total pay as a result of performance-related bonuses.

John Tugwell, the chairman and chief executive of Bancorp, NatWest's US subsidiary, saw his total pay fall from £1.46 million to £1.12 million, but the 1994 figure included payments made under a long-term incentive plan. He was the exception to the pay freeze; his salary increased by 3.6 per cent to

£551,000. Mr Tugwell will

leave the NatWest board later this year when he moves with Bancorp to its new owner, Fleet Financial.

Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, was paid a salary of £350,000, but a performance-related bonus of £200,000 and other benefits. gave him a total pay rise of 19 per cent to £594,000.

The best-paid UK-based director was Martin Owen, chief executive of NatWest Markets. He enjoyed a 26 per cent total pay rise to £617,000 including a £277,000 bonus. Lord Alexander, the chairman, was paid 8.8 per cent more at £454,000. His bonus was £135,000, up on the previous year's El00,000. John Melbourn, deputy chief executive, was paid 15.8 per cent more at £476,000. Martin Gray, chief execu-

to £310,000. Douglas Hurd, former Foreign Secretary, received £62,000 for his first two-and-ahalf months as deputy chairman of NatWest Markets. The benefits of non-executive

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a fall in his pay from £314,000





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Fund managers set to back the rat-catcher

uriouser and curiouser. After the Granada/Forte epic, the City has come up with a sort of corporate sideshow. Last month Rentokil, whose roots are steeped in rat poison, launched a near £2 billion takeover bid for BET, the service conglomerate whose operations range from the

hire of towels to the hire of cranes. I am not. I confess, particularly familiar with either of these companies but, merely by observing developments, one's learning curve inevitably improves. Originally, we are invited to believe, Rentokil favoured an agreed deal. Clive Thompson, chief executive of Rentokil, made contact with Sir Christopher Harding, chairman of BET. In the event, John Clark, BET's chief executive, was in Houston and, during the run up to official disclosure of the approach. startling percipience (for want of a stronger phrase) served to rerate

BET's shares by some 15 per cent. The Stock Exchange, true to form, launched an investigation

the usual suspects. The Takeover Panel, with an admittedly less complex remit, also held an inquiry and, in the space of a week, publicly rebuked Lazards, advisers to Rentokil. According to the Panel, Lazards had failed to keep it fully informed of Rentokil's intentions and should have acted more quickly to prevent a false market in

No sooner did Rentokil reveal its wish to parley then it abandoned this tactic in favour of a hostile bid based on a cash and share package which, taking Rentokil at 359p, currently values BET at 200.2p. This is accompanied by an all-cash alternative of 179.5p.

BET promptly described the terms as "wholly inadequate" and speculation had it that the company was considering basing its defence on a major restructuring operation. including disposals worth some £300 million. Such speculation, unlike the bid speculation, proved wrong. This would appear fortunate because it is highly debatable

more than the price Rentokil has

offered for the whole. From the outset, neither Thompson nor Clark agreed on anything. including the potential overlap between the two companies. Thompson proclaimed the overlap was in the region of 70 per cent; Clark argued it was nearer 25 per cent. Insults were exchanged. Rentokil charged BET's management with having "demonstrably failed to enhance shareholder value". BET retorted that Rentokil's offer revealed "a muddled plan to

create an unfocused conglomerate". It was at this point, a matter of days after Rentokil opted for a hostile approach, that it proposed to BET that it should purchase just 75 per cent of the company in return for a recommendation. Feelers were put out by Nicholas Jones of Lazards who suggested to Barings. advisers to BET, that discussions should focus on Rentokil's acquisition of BET's textile services, distribution and electronic security operations. BET promptly rejected



MELVYN MARCKUS

the businesses Remokil wanted to acquire were central to the company's strategy. As BET put it: "This would have left shareholders without an offer and the company with only a quarter of its operations." Under the proposal, BET would have retained its plant hire, resort management and conference operations, which account for about 25 per cent of sales. Any deal would probably have left BET with a significant capital gains tax liabil-

Thompson's reaction was that he was "disappointed" that BET had rejected the opportunity to enter into discussions, a move "surely against the best interests of BET shareholders. Thompson, brimming with munificence, added that Rentokil had been prepared to examine a number of possibilities to avoid leaving BET with a large tax liability. Such possibilities included the acquisition of the whole company and a subsequent spin-off of the parts Rentokil did not want.

This approach, to all intents and purposes, was perceived as strictly for the birds: the birds being those institutional shareholders who were not entirely happy about Rentokil's extravaganza. Rentokil. it may be recalled, is the company that has achieved 20 per cent growth per annum for the best part of a decade and a half. The secress of Rentokil's success, under Thompson, have been a host of bolton acquisitions, organic growth and the creation of a well-trained

and well-equipped blue collar worklorce. BET, in contrast, faced bankrupacy during the early Nineties, the legacy of wild takeover flings during the Eighties. Clark, an ex-US Marine, was called in to rationalise operations, a task that culminated in last Thursday's forecast that pre-tax profits will rise 28 per cent this year to £142 million. As Clark delicately put it: "We came in to fix this mother and now it's really

It is no secret that several institutions, sensitive to the controversy that surrounded their support for the creation of a Granada/Forte conglomerate, would have liked to have seen an agreed deal. As one fund manager informed the Financial Times, fees - expected to total more than £100 million -- will soon equate to "the market capitalisation of a decent sized company." Equally eyecatching were the headlines to the effect that Clark will receive more than £5 million if Rentokil's bid succeeds. This embraces some 13 million from a medium-term incentive scheme, the targets of

which have been triggered by the offer price. Clark is expected to garner a profit of more than [] million on share options and he also enjoys a three-year rolling contract, his annual salary being £480,000. Lord Tebbit, a nonexecutive director of BET and chairman of the company's remuneration committee, responded: There was not a long queue of suitable applicants for the post when we recruted him in 1991,"

The potential rewards for Clark (who is, after all, opposing the bid) are reputed to have "provoked outrage" among certain anonymous institutions. Strange, therefore, that such institutions did not oppose the plan when it was introduced in the autumn of 1993. One sure way of preventing Clark from reaping his rewards would be to reject Rentokil's bid, even if the terms are modestly increased. I jest. The reality is that fund managers are almost certainly going to accept, as they almost always do. That is why BET's shares, at 204p, are standing at a modest premium

Builder's profits slump

Wilson Connolly, the Midlands builder, reported a 41 per cent slump in pretax profits.

Lynn Wilson, chairman, said 1995 had fallen short of expectations after hopes of recovery faitered and left the company with profits before tax of £22.5 million for the year to December 31,

The final dividend, payable June 3, was set at 3.18p. which maintained the total at 4.54p.

The company was beset by lower house sales and also falling prices on those it did sell.

Profit margins were further affected by increases in building costs which fed through from the previous

GWR deals

GWR Group, the commercial radio operator, is looking to expand in the UK and New Zealand in deals worth a combined total of up to £62.2 million. It wants 75 per cent of Radio New Zealand for NZ\$85 million (£37.9 million) and has launched a £24.3 million agreed offer for East Anglian Radio. Shares eased 5p to 246p. Tempus, page 30

NTC forecast

Consumer activity should pick up around the middle of this year, according to NTC, the business research organisation.

C E Heath to split and float its computer services arm

By Marianne Curphey

CE HEATH, the insurance broker whose shares have fallen almost £3 in two years. has confirmed plans to split its broking and computer services divisions and float the latter under the name of Rebus on April 17.

Peter Presland, Heath's outgoing chief executive will head the computer division and his salary will be reduced from £195,000 to £150,000. However. he will walk away with a package of £300,000 to compensate him for the severance of his three-year rolling contract with Heath. He will also remain on the board of Heath as a non-executive director on a salary of £15,000 a year.

His compensation package is bound to anger some small shareholders who 18 months ago reacted furiously to a loyalty bonus package worth a total of £1.0 million paid to John Mackenzie Green (then managing director and now Heath chief executive) and Mr Presiand. The bonus came at a time when Heath had made a small pre-tax profit of £3.84 million and a post-tax loss for the 1993-94 financial year of £8.4 million.

Shareholders will be offered one Rebus share for every

Heath share they hold. Heath is subscribing for £4.5 million worth of new shares in Rebus, which it will keep for at least

Heath, which will continue to be listed, will concentrate on

Paul Hughes, group finance director, said the exact number of shares depended on the opening price at flotation, but Heath would hold a maximum 9.5 per cent of Rebus

Mr Hughes said the company's market capitalisation was between £50 million and £58 million. With 68 million shares in issue, this would put the value of Rebus shares at between 74p and 80p each. Rebus is expected to post a pretax, pre-exceptionals profit of £6.5 million for the year to the

end of this month. Heath said rates in the UK market had been falling and competition "remained strong". Heath will pay a total dividend for 1995 of 6p in August, down from 11p last year, and Rebus will pay a dividend of 1.16p in July. Heath shares rose by 2p to



Mike Handley expects margins to recover next year

BA contract for General **Electric**

BY ROSS TIEMAN NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

GENERAL ELECTRIC has secured a £1.5 billion follow-on contract to repair and over-haul engines for the entire British Airways fleet of jet

The work, won in the face of competition from engine over haul companies throughout the world, will be undertaken at the General Electric Aircraft Engine Services plant at Nantgarw, Mid Glamorgan. GE. bought the operation for £274 million in 1991. in a deal that coincided with a BA decision to foresake its long-term key en-gine supplier. Rolls-Royce, in order to buy GE engines to power the airline's new Boeing 777 sub-jumbas.

Under the agreement, GE will overhaul and repair engines ranging from the Rolls-Royce Olympus units that power BA's Concordes to the CFM units on its Airbus

George Duncanson, the GEAES managing director. said that the BA contract, and the resulting workload, would "serve as a springboard for GE engine services' global growth strategy."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Wates buys BP tower

WATES CITY OF LONDON PROPERTIES is buying Britannic Tower, the City of London's second-tallest office building, from BP.

The deal involves an initial payment of £30 million and a further undisclosed cash payment dependent on the outcome of the proposed development of the building. Britannic Tower has 28 office floors and five plant floors, The building also has underground leisure, catering, conference and storage facilities. There are 220 car

Yorkshire Food steady

YORKSHIRE FOOD GROUP held pre-tax profits steady at £5.9 million in 1995, a year in which it shifted its main business. of dried fruit and nuts, to California, from Britain. Mike Firth, chairman, said: "From a small UK food manufacturing group, it has emerged as one of the best positioned dried fruit and nut businesses in the global ingredients market. Opportunities for of its remaining UK businesses this year. A 3p final dividend, due on May 8, makes 3.88p, up from 3.52p. Earnings per share were 10.47p (10.28p). growth are significant." The board intends to shed virtually all

Avonside in the red

AVONSIDE GROUP, the building services company, incurred £5.2 million losses before tax last year after a severe deterioration in the new housing market in the North West. In 1994 there was a £5.5 million profit. The company has cut the total dividend to 1p from 4.4p, passing the payment of a final dividend. Loss per share was 11.62p, compared with earnings of 8.63p. The company said that although trading might improve for housebuilders in some parts of the country, conditions in the North West have yet to react.

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McBride still suffering

MCBRIDE, the supplier of private label household and personal care products that issued a profits warning in January, yesterday reported a sharp fall in first balf earnings and said margins have not yet ecovered as well as expected.

In the six months to the end

of December pre-tax profits fell to £8 million from £14.7 million. At the operating level, profits slipped to £16.2 million (£20.2 million). The 2.25p interim is in line with last year's flotation forecast. Mike Handley, group managing director, said: "Next year, margins are expected to recover as a result of the full impact of this year's selling price increases, generally stable raw material and packaging prices, reduction in the cost base and the benefit of sales

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cardinals, the process as shrouded in secrecy and surrounded by rumours of dark and bitter plots. But finally the puff of white smoke appeared and GEC had a successor to Lord Weinstock ... 9 How the mantle was passed — Business, The Sunday

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When Kingsley Amis fell ill, he turned for companionship to his friend Eric Jacobs. But after the 'Oldest Devil' died, Jacobs was barred from the funeral. Find out why in the second exclusive extract from the Amis Diaries, in News Review tomorrow



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A WORKING WEEK FOR: ROBERT WILSON

Mining chief with a mountain to climb

Jon Ashworth extracts globe-trotting details from the man who clocked up 125,000 miles in the air during merger negotiations alone

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Canada's frozen north. Jungle or ice, the mining engineers will devise a way of reaching their hidden treasure. And the man who pushes the button to start things rolling might very well be Robert Wilson.

Wilson, 52, is probably the most powerful man in world mining today. He has just clinched the mammoth merger of two of the great mining houses. RTZ. based in London, with tentacles reaching around the globe, and CRA, based in Melbourne, and a household name on the Pacific Rim. As chief executive of RTZ-CRA, with a murket capitalisation of \$20 billion, and 44,000 employees, Wilson is orchestrating a round of musical chairs which has senior executives shuttling between the UK, Australia. Namibia and America. Hectic times lie ahead,

Grasherg mountain in Irian Jaya is one of the most impressive feats of mining one is ever likely to encounter. Wilson visited the site for the first time last year, and was suitably awed. "It's liter-

ally at the top of a mountain," he says, relaxing in an office that could not be more removed from the dust and heat of the rockface. "The mine site tends to get immersed in clouds by midday, and there is heavy rainfall as well. It's an extraordinarily remote location. The feeling of remoteness is quite different from

any other mine site I've ever been to." The Grasberg visit was part of a weekly routine that might take in a whiriwind tour of America, a board meeting in London, a multicountry video conference, and a night at the opera. Wilson took the easy way up the mountain - by helicopter - soaring past rainforest and mangroves towards the peak, which is literally being torn apart. The mine site at 14,000ft leads to a mill at 9,000ft, from where copper,

goldcand silver are sent slooshing down a pipeline to the coast. Over the border in Papua New Guinea, on remote Bougainville Island, is a kication that Wilson will not be putting on his weekly touring list. Bougainville is a name that the planners at RTZ would just

as soon forget. In 1972, construction began on what was the Grasberg of its day fabulously rich goldmine, carved out of Ethnic clashes began to take their toll. and RTZ was forced to pull out, leaving machinery, housing, vehicles - everything. No one has been back since. "It's

been totally deserted by the company

since 1989," says Wilson. "Quite what a

state things are in is a bit difficult to judge,

because we haven't had anybody up there since. It could be rehabilitated, I believe. I

hesitate to think what the cost would be." The evacuation took place down a narrow corridor leading 25 miles to the coast.

The company had built a road through the jungle, through the mountain, into the mine site. I would guess that road might well substantially need rebuilding now, because of landslides, because effectively pipes under a lake in a jungle takes over again if you just

neglect it for too long."
Wilson encountered a different type of jungle earlier this month, when he unveiled the company's latest financial results. The logistics of running a global mining house were only too apparent. After a board meeting which saw directors fly in from around the world, Leon Davis, soon to take up residence in London as Wilson's right-hand man, flew back to Australia with Chris Bull, group finance direc-tor. They arrived in Melbourne on Thursday morning, leaving little time before the results flashed up at 2pm local time, In London, where it was 3am, staff diligently began issuing press releases.
"Lots of people started their day at 3am,"
says Wilson. "I wasn't one of them."

Wilson and his team had an actionpacked morning, briefing analysts at Sam, fund managers at 10am and journalists at noon. The presentations were linked by video-conference with the redoubtable Davis and Bull, sitting in a

studio in Melbourne. Wilson was suitably impressed by their stamina. By the time we finished the last meeting, which was around about ipm or even a bit after that, it was past midnight over there, and those guys had been at it all day." Long-haul travel is un-avoidable at a group

which has interests in so many countries. So far this year, Wilson has visited sites at Palabora and Richards Bay in South Africa. He leaves this weekend for America, starting in New York, where he will brief financiers, then proceeding to an investment mining conference in Phoenix, Arizona, A visit to Los Angeles rounds off a week-long trip.
"We don't have a company plane," says Wilson. "We have no corporate planes out of RTZ, except for local site planes where it may be difficult in terms of travel." The company occasionally charters aircraft to

cope with difficult itineraries. Wilson clocked up 125,000 air miles negotiating the CRA merger, and has his seating preferences down to a tee. He spends between a quarter and a third of the year travelling abroad on trips of a comparatively short duration. Two or three directors spend well over half the year away from the UK. "It's simply a function of the nature of our business. We're spread all over the globe, and as long as we want to try and run this business from a very small head office. then it means that people are going to have to spend a lot of time travelling.

Video-conferencing points the way forward. "I can see a time in the future when our results' presentation is going to be a full 24-hour cycle, starting in Australia



The day on which Robert Wilson recently unveiled his company's results was a long one. "Lots of people started their day at 3am," he said. "I wasn't one of them

and finishing up in the States." Employees are treated to more mundane means of communication. "People have the great excitement of watching me on a video talking to them about whatever happens to be the interest of the day. But nothing is a proper substitute for face-to-face

No two weeks are the same at RTZ-CRA, but Wilson has something approaching a typical day. He is usually at his desk by 8.30am until the evening whatever it needs to be". He does not have far to travel. "I used to live in Surrey,

but it got to the point where I was moving up on Monday, going back on Friday, so we decided to move up lock, stock and barrel." He and his wife live in Kensington. They have a son away as school, and daughter at university. Wilson does not come across as

someone who less his hair down outside office hours - he won't even admit to a he does have some outside interests. His eyes light up at the mention of opera one might well run into him at Covent Garden — and he enjoys classical concerts. "I don't think anyone wants to live under the continuous pressure of working 16 hours a day. I don't think that's good for anybody. There needs to be some sort of mix of a normal social life, There are periods, obviously, when you have to live pretty intensely. Concluding the merger deal with CRA was rather demanding, but you don't have to live like

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that all the time." Wilson succeeds Sir Derek Birkin as chairman of RTZ-CRA in December. He enthuses about the potential of India, Latin

America and the Pacific Rim, and of the scope for a dozen new projects. "The mining industry is really not that massive an industry worldwide, and a comparatively small number of

mines make most of the money. I see our business as actually getting into as many of those really high-quality, long-term, profitable, mine opportunities, rather than force-fitting us into a company which is going to have a predetermined and necessarily arbitrary commodity

The enlarged RTZ-CRA is most heavily orientated towards Australia/New Zealand and North America, with 39 per cent and 32 per cent of sales revenue apiece. Opportunities in India and elsewhere may help to balance the portfolio. Foreign mining companies haven't been welcome in India until recently. But there clearly is potential for iron ore projects, for coal projects, mineral sands, maybe diamonds, bauxite."

One of the group's most exciting new finds is a diamond strike involving a cluster of Kimberlite pipes in Canada's Northwest Territories. Test drilling at the site suggests it could be producing 5 per cent of the world's gemstones within five years, if it proves viable. The main drawback is the location — under a lake in inhospitable terrain. "Our geologists were a bit careless in finding a deposit under a lake rather than on dry ground. But it's nearly all lakes up there.

The interview at an end, Wilson stands to shake hands, his suit immaculate, his office steeped in grandeur. On Grasberg, half a world away, dust flies and machinery roars. And on distant Bougainville, jungle entwines with rusting metal, cloaked in silence.

HIDDEN ASSETS

Arched pleasure concealed in Showering's garden

A DISUSED railway viaduct in Somerset has to be Allied Domecq's most whimsical asset. Miles from any of the drinks group's offices or factories, the company happens to own the viaduct because of the passion for gardening of Francis Showering, the inventor of Babycham.

The viaduct, in Shepton Mallet stopped bearing trains more than 30 years ago, a victim of the Beeching cuts to the national rail network in the 1960s. A splendid, curving, 300-yard stretch of line owned by what was Somerset and Dorset Railways - known to locals as the "Slow and Dirty" - it was sold to the Showering drinks company for the grand sum of £5.

Francis Showering and his brothers, millionaires from the success of the sweet and fizzy "tadies' drink" Babycham, bought it because it

Sarah Cunningham on the view from the viaduct that few get a chance to see

extensive gardens behind quarters. The Grade 11 listed Victorian viaduct's bricklined arches made a perfect backdrop to the 3.5 acres of formal gardens which were Francis Showering's pride and joy, explains Jean Curtis, property administrator for Allied Domecq.

The Showering company was bought by Allied Breweries, the original Allied drinks group, in 1968. After a series of acquisitions, it became Allied Lyons, and, in 1994, Allied Domecq.

The Babycham business was sold in 1992 to a management buyout team, and has since been bought by the cider makers Matthew Clark. The canny managers, as part of the buyout deal.

The tranquillity of the viaduct has been undisturbed by trains for more than 30 years

kept Kilver Court and its gardens, but made Allied keep the expensive to-maintain viaduct.

The building and gardens were bought last July by Mulberry, the fashion com-pany. On Monday, the Princess Royal will officially open Kilver House as its new corporate headquarters. So Mulberry staff will have the benefit of the gardens in which to eat their lunchtime sandwiches, with a backdrop courtesy of Allied

Mrs Curtis was sorry when she had to leave the old Showering offices after some 30 happy years. She now works in Allied Domecq offices in Bristol, while still ensuring, on behalf of the company, that the surface is regularly cleaned and its top has been asphalted so that frost could not penetrate the stone and damage the structure. The rails themselves are long gone and the viaduct tapers at

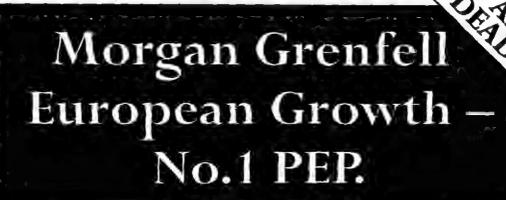
either end into grass banks. The 50ft-high viaduct is not open to the public. Mrs Curtis, who still lives in Shepton Mailet, is one of the few people allowed on to it and says the climb up the embankment gives a lovely view of the Mendip Hills.

In spite of the cleaning time has taken a toll of the structure, and last year it was decided to repair it. English Heritage has stepped in with a grant to provide about 40 per cent of the £277,000 needed to ensure the viaduct's future. Work should finish in the autumn.

Mulberry is now in talks with Allied Domeco about buying the viaduct. It plans to use the structure as part of its 25th anniversary celebration in July, draping the whole thing in Mulberry fabric and staging an operatic performance on top.

Mulberry is restoring the gardens, under the guidance of its chairman and designer Roger Haul. The original lawns, waterfall, rock garden and paths are being preserved, and young oak and beech trees have been planted near the viaduct, to soften its appearance.

Mulberry is opening the gardens to the public for one day on May 26. A visit is in order for fans of gardening, whimsy and fine Victorian





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Guinness buyback keeps the index above 3,700

THE London Stock Market climbed back above the 3,700 level as more than a billion shares changed hands. But it was not the sort of performance that raging bull markets are made of. Several large program trades and a buyback programme conducted by Guinness accounted for at least 400 million of the 1.1 billion shares traded. Genuine retail demand left much to be

Overshadowing events was another gloomy peformance from government bonds, where losses stretched to almost £3, at the longer end. The FT-SE 100 index, having clawed back an early 16-point fall, spent much of the day clinging on to small gains. Without any real direction from Wall Street it closed 8.7 points up at 3,707.0, a rise on the week of 62.2

Less than 24 hours after unveiling full-year figures, Guinness was back in the marketplace buying back its own shares. Cazenove, its own broker, is reckoned to have picked up a total of 100 million shares at around 463p at a total cost of £463 million. The move is designed to enhance earnings.

Tony Greener, chairman. said it was the aim of the group to return surplus cash to shareholders either through dividends or share re-

LVMH-Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, the luxury goods group that owns 20 per cent of Guinness, is not thought to have sold any of its shares, though there has been intense speculation recently that it was planning to do so. Guinness finished 5p better at 466p as turnover reached a massive 211.5 million shares.

There was also heavy turn-over recorded in Clubhaus. the leisure group floated off from Ex-Lands, where a total 66.2 million shares were traded as the price firmed 4p to 64 p. This follows the placing of shares by Ex-Lands investors who did not wish to hold on to their entitlement in a leisure company following the demerger.

There was talk that Sun Alliance, the insurance composite, was ready to bid for Friends Provident, the life assurance specialist. City specworth up to El billion, not that the FP share price gave any indication, closing all-square at 1700. Sun Alliance refused



Shares in Wilson Connolly the builder dropped 12p

to comment on City gossip and closed 12 p easier at 375p. The row over "mad cow" disease and the growing number of countries banning British beef exports remained a topic of conversation for dealers among City watering holes. But its commercial impact on the Square Mile

remains negligible. There was

only one casualty yesterday.

with Sims Food coming under

company to benefit from the scare, rising 13p to 165p. The group has been actively trying to develop a cure for the disease bovine spongiform encephalopathy, which, it is now feared, has been transmitted to humans.

They tried to call Siebe lower in early trading without much success. Investors appeared happy to shrug off claims that Siebe will need to

Frost Group, the petrol retailer, stood out with a rise of 17p to 133p as James Frost, chairman, bought 114,000 shares. stretching his total holding to 260,000 shares. Earlier this week the group reported a 26 per cent boost in earnings. Last year Frost shares tumbled from a peak of 285p to a low of 110p.

the hammer as a supplier of beefburgers. Sims finished another 3p down at 19p, for a two-day loss of 9p. But Kerry Group "A", the Irish food group, railied 5p to 540p. while Perkins Foods was unchanged at 75p.

One man's meat remains another's poison and this was evident in Bernard Matthews, the turkey producer, up 14p at 116p. Electrophoretics International was another

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ask shareholders for extra funds if it decides to launch a bid for Unitech, unchanged at 67ip. Only last week Siebe acquired Elektrowatt's 25 per cent stake in Unitech, leading to claims it may want to bid for the rest. Siebe finished 13p dearer at 866p.

Last year was a tough one

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with pre-tax profits tumbling E38.2 million to E22.5 million. Originally, analysts had pen-cilled in a figure of £37 million. Lynn Wilson, chairman, blamed job insecurity, reductions in mortgage tax relief and the lack of fiscal support for the housing market which had impacted on fragile consumer confidence. The shares fell 12p to 162p.

Rolls-Royce, the aeroengine group, eased 2p to 219p despite. earning that Mercury Asset Management had continued adding to its holding. On Wednesday it picked up a further 513,000 shares, lifting its total holding to 205.5 mil-lion, or almost 14 per cent of the issued share capital. This latest purchase is believed to have stretched the total number of shares it has bought this week to one million.

Speculative buying lifted Ladbroke another 2½p to 192½p. Talk of a bid from Bass, 2p easier at 750p, or the Hilton Hotel Group in the US persists.

Universal Ceramic rose 40 to 108p after unveiling fullyear figures and details of a placing and open offer of 3.9

million shares at 95p.

The proceeds of £3.56 million will be used to fund the expansion of the group's magnesia plant on Humberside and provide additional working capital. Beeson Gregory, the broker, continues to recommend the shares as a buy.

Plans to demerge its computer services division lifted CE Heath, the insurance broker, 2p to 170p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices fell sharply across the board after steady start to the day.

Brokers said the losses reflected similar moves on other European bond markets, but the falls in London were heavier. The declines began after lunch, leaving prices to close at their low for the day. In the futures pit, the June

series of the Long Gilt turn-bled £1116 to £1042132 as the number of contracts completed fell to 35,000.Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2015 dropped E2532 to £961332, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 fell £1332 to £102.

NEW YORK: On Wall

Street caution replaced the shares were slightly higher. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 5,628.22, up 1.45 points.

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Freepages (12)	145	
Fulmar (154)	186	+
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MAJOR CHANGES

Frost Group 13	33p (– 17p)
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UK Land	95p (~10p)
Toy Options 19	
Garton Eng 1	
Wardle Storeys 4	
Natl Express 5	
Dorling Kind 5	75p (+30p)
Visual Action 25	63p (+11p)
Cortecs 28	39p (+11p)
	35p (+11p)
Smith WH 44	(7p (+10p)
Abbey Nanonai 57	75p (+15p)
Kingfisher 55	1p (+10p)
Chubb Sec 38	5p (+11p)
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TEMPUS

Surfing Kiwi radio waves

current trading conditions.

pointing to falling rates, stiff

competition, and little pros-

pect of strong growth this year. It also admits that

Premium Search, the tele-

phone motor insurance ser-

vice that it launched in

When redeveloped and fully let, the latter's take could be

nearer £40 million. Even so.

Wates is sensible to get in at a

low price, reducing its risk

and sharing the upside. The

company is being coy about

its plans for the building, but

substantial redevelopment is

envisaged, including new re-

tailing and restaurant space.

Even a hotel is rumoured,

but the main attraction may

floors will be in strong de-

mand in two to three years'

time when Wates is market-

ing the building, but that

assumes the City is still in

growth mode. The lack of

enthusiasm for the shares

yesterday reflects some scep-

ticism, but it is more likely to

stem from impatience with

the lack of detailed financial

information from Wates. The

company has debt of £58.5

million, but shows no interest

capitalised in developments.

SMAL STREET

Not a good way to inspire

The theory is that dealing

be large dealing floors.

IF ANYONE had any doubts that New Zealand is for sale, the auction of Radio New Zealand should remove them. If GWR is successful with its £3S million bid, the British company will end up with a 75 per cent share of the New Zealand commercial radio market. Competition rules will reduce that to 65 per cent with the loss of a few licences, but a deal would give GWR a commanding position and a springboard for further expansion in

GWR's business may be local, but its ambitions are clearly global. In the UK, opportunities are now limited: yesterday's proposed takeover of East Anglian Radio puts the company just over the 15 per cent ownership limit. The imminent award of new licences means that GWR will be able to complete the deal without trouble, but.

clearly, the rapid spate of corporate expansion

in this country must now slow. That does not necessarily mean that profits growth will slow; revenues will increase rapidly, because radio's share of total advertising take should grow from 4 per cent to 5.5 per cent by the end of the decade. At the same time, cost-savings will accelerate growth; GWR generally manages to reduce overheads by 10 to 15 per cent on each acquisition. In New Zealand, the scope for savings is probably greater. Currently state-owned, the organisation has civil service manning levels and could, some reckon, cut its headcount by half.

GWR's fancy rating lets it contemplate a bid for East Anglian at an exit multiple in the mid-20s. Its own rating should not suffer, being supported by the large shareholders Emap and Capital Radio, and there is further to go.

the bulk of Mr Presland's

experience is in broking.

While it waits for sharehold-

er approval for the scheme

on April 15. CE Heath is

vulnerable to a takeover bid,

particularly from an over-

seas predator. A likely candi-

C E Heath

SHARES in C E Heath crept up a few pence yesterday, but that is scant reward for investors who bought the stock at the heady price of £4.50. They could be forgiven for asking why, when the price has fallen to £1.70, the dividend has been cut, and profits have been disappointng, that Peter Presland Heath's outgoing chief exec-utive, has been waved off with a £300,000 severance payment and a new job at the head of Rebus, the com-

puter services operation. The two divisions, broking and computing, never really fitted, and the demerger offers the chance for the computer operation to strike out alone, unencumbered by the cyclicality of the UK insurance market.

Heath has given what amounts to a warning about

date has yet to pounce, but August 1994, is not expected to make a profit until 1998. Nevertheless, computing the shares which are currenta competitive game, and ly stuck in the doldrums. IN NEED OF COMPENSATION? C E HEATH

Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar

Wates

WATES City of London Properties is used to carrying all its eggs in one basket. The company has always specialised in City office buildings and paid dearly for its heavy exposure in the 1990 property market collapse. But yesterday's purchase of Britannic Tower in the City adds an ostrich egg to the collection.

Britannic will be the single biggest property in the portfolio and, when redeveloped and fully let, should account for more than half of the property group's assets. Even on the basis of the more conservative of Wates's two development plans, the total investment could be E100 million, a large commitment for a company with net assets of £158 million. A joint venture partner looks inevitable. A price of £30 million for more than 400,000 square

mile looks cheap, but Wates has given away some of the upside to BP, the vendor.

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DOLLAR RATES

Guinness

BY LEAPING into the market yesterday. Guinness has managed to repair some of the share price erosion that followed the previous day's announcement of a profits decline. The company had hinted that a share buyback was possible and the decision to act immediately suggests a real commitment to making better use of its capital.

Full expenditure of the £460 million would take gearing to the 40 per cent level, not high but a level that leaves little room for big corporate activi-ty. That is in part a reflection of the lack of opportunities the most desirable white spirit (4) brand is not for sale - but Guinness now has the chance to prove it can achieve more from its core brands. LVMH did not take part in the buyback, which suggests at least there is more to go for.

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Homeowners face summer of subsidence

Marianne Curphey and Sara McConnell say

insurers are taking no chances this year

nsurers are giving warn-ing that thousands of homeowners face another summer of subsidence and structural damage because the winter has not been wet enough to replace moisture in clay soil, common in the South East.

The large insurers have each paid about £20 million to policyholders whose houses shifted and cracked when the earth around the foundations dried out in the heat wave.

"The winter has just not heen wet enough. Unless we get a lot more rain subsidence claims are likely to be high again this year," said David Prosser, chief executive of Le-

gal & General. lan Brett-Pitt, subsidence claims manager at Direct Line, agreed. We could see it happening again this sum-mer. During last year's drought the worst affected areas were Southampton, parts of Hampshire, north London, Guildford, Kent, the Midlands, Manchester and Yorkshire. People with homes built on clay are worst affect-

"The other problem is caused by trees: conifers, poplars, flowering cherry trees and willows are the worst. A large tree can take 10,000 silons of water out of the soil every year — that is equivalent to a full tanker. Unfortunately, people plant trees close to their nomes and use conifers as a screen, with the result that they upset the water balance in

in the Easter holidays should think carefully about the effect this will have on their house foundations." Structural engineers, who in the past used underpinning as the solution to all subsidence problems, are now more likely to monitor earth movements before tak-

ing action.

Even when a tree has been proved to be the culprit, the solution is not always simple. "Although trees can be pruned and managed to reduce their demand for water, some have preservation orders on them and we cannot touch them." Mr Brett-Pitt said.

Other causes of subsidence

A large tree can use 10,000 gallons of water a year

Underground pipes leaking or poor drainage beneath the house can cause the soil to become waterlogged and to sink. This is particularly prevalent in Manchester. In parts of London, light industry formerly removed large quanti-ties of water from the soil.

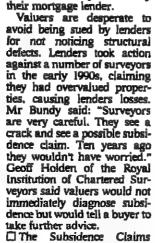
Homeowners in the most subsidence-prone areas face paying up to three times the

for cover. Some insurers are "redlining" certain areas where they refuse cover altoexpensive structural engineers' reports before getting

Insurers are stepping up their use of sophisticated geological data which allow them to pinpoint the riskiest areas. Premiums are still based on use the first letter of the second part of postcodes as well as the first part, which they started using in 1991. This narrows the number of houses down to in each area to about 1,500. Some use the whole postcode, targeting just a few homes. Few insueres now raise buildings premiums across the board as they used to, targeting instead the most risky areas within postcodes for

This targeting has taken some households out of high-risk categories, cutting their premiums substantially. Brian Bundy, branch director at C. E. Heath, the broker, said: "Some of our clients have had their premiums cut by half." But the risky remainder will see rises in premiums and long searches for cover. "I know some insurers are redlining because I have clients who have tried and been told they can't get insurance in their area," said Mr Bundy.

Robert Hooker of the Subsidence Claims Advisory Bupaying up to three times the reau said: There are going rate for their buildings constantly more areas where "People planning to plant trees insurance and a long search there is redlining". No insurer



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Heirs of N&P

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When the tree just had to go

L ast August, as reported by The Times, Mary Burriss came back from holiday to find a 5-ft crack in one of the interior walls of her house. The surveyor sent by Pearl, her insurer, identified a much-loved tree near the house as the culprit

Two weeks ago, the tree was felled, much to Mrs Burriss's regret. "It was such a lovely tree," she said. But if the surveyor's diagnosis proves right, the tree hid a destructive street. Mrs. Russies' deneblate. tive streak. Mrs Burriss's daughter, Roisin McManus, said the original crack has since got wider and bigger and spread from one corner of the room to the other.

Now the family is waiting for Pearl to decide what to do next. The hope is that the problem will solve itself as rainfall restores moisture removed by the tree and the earth settles. The prospect of underpin-ning fills Mrs McManus with alarm. "If they suggest underpin-ning, my mother will be hysterical", she said.



Mary Burriss: loved the tree

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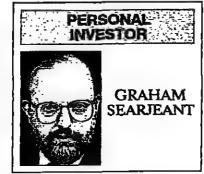
Carried away by water bids

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST SUBSIDENCE BY POSTCODE

hareholders in water companies may feel bemused. In Leeds, Trevor Newton, accountant and managing director of Yorkshire Water. has fallen on his sword ahead of a public inquiry set up by the company to flagellate itself and seek absolution. Yet the shares boom. In London, Mike Hoffman, dynamic chief executive of Thames Water, left the industry suddenly on Thursday, drawing a line under Thames's long, disastrous foray into engineering construction. The shares rose. Further West, Severn Trent joined Wessex in a race to take over South West, perennial poor relation of the ten

Bemused as we may be, these seemingly unconnected events are all part of a process started in 1989, in guidance given to the companies at privatisation. If they were competent, they were guaranteed decent returns for at least five years, to persuade investors to sink £30 billion to bring our creaking water and sewage system up to scratch. Then water would revert to beng dull and heavily regulated, so they better diversify to give some "medium-term" fizz.

Thames jumped in first, buying PWT, a big but unprofitable international water contractor, for a song. Anglian and Yorkshire were highly cautious. But Sir Gordon Jones. Yorkshire's retiring chairman, knighted for his patient skill in leading the industry to privatisation. later revealed that his board team had to devote a third of its time to diversification, a third to regulators and just a third actually to run the utility. This was typical. Creative openings in operating



and financing the utilities turned out to be a lot bigger than expected. Diversification was often a costly failure. Finance directors floated to the top. Empire builders from outside fell like ninepins. from Northumbrian via North West to Severn Trent, where John Bellak, its engaging but prickly chairman, was bagged by City critics after an expensive move into solid waste. Mr Hoffman turned his zeal back to the core, scoring a success with the Thames ring main. but those loss-breeding bad buys kept coming back to haunt him. Mr Newton, a master of the regulatory game, was complacent about the basics in an area normally cushioned by high rainfall.

A new generation of water bosses, plus a few canny originals, learnt crucial lessons at the feet of Ian Byatt, their regulator. Their main asset is skill at running utilities. That embraces innovative solutions to sewage problems, but also transferable skills in billing, service, information technology, cost-cut-

ting and, not least, relations with customers of a local monopoly.

Brussels has imposed more investment, extending growth potential. Most drastically, however, expiry of golden shares has transferred power to grasping City fund managers, upsetting the balance between investors, regulators and customers. To satisfy all, big financial risks have to be taken, gearing up with debt. Only Wessex was fully pre-pared, focusing effort on its utility and local relations, while bringing in a big American partner to finance expansion into waste. Others are catching up. Welsh, a quick learner, and North West have bought local power companies.

People in the South West were badly served by privatisation. Relatively few locals had to pay dearly to cure water scarcities and leagues of dirty beaches for the benefit of summer vistors. A political drive to stem soaring prices trimmed investment at the last review. So Wessex and North West have much to offer: price cuts to locals, faster beachcleaning to Surfers against Sewage.

They present Mr Byan with a dilemma; he had set his heart against mergers among the ten. If he bends for the sake of Cornish folk, there will be others. Thames, under a caretaker regime, will court the City with cash to fend off adjacent French giant Générale des Eaux, which might also eye Southern. Takeover fever is heady for investors. But don't be carried away. Greater risk, and more stifling regulation under an ambitious new denizen of Ofwat, may be round the corner.

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Karen Zagor on market history and forecasts for the coming years



All smiles: After the cuphoria of John Major's election win in April 1992, disillusionment quickly set in, culminating in Norman Lamont pulling Britain out of the ERM in September

A good time to take stock of the equity phenomenon

London, have shaken investors out of their pleasant slumber after a year in which it seemed that equities could only go higher. The renewed instability offers a good opportunity for investors to pause to consider how equity markets have moved during the Nineties and where they are expected to go by the end of the

The recent market blip may be unsettling, but the losses were insignificant in comparison with the events of October 1987 when the Dow Jones industrial average, the main US market index, dropped 508 points or 22.6 per cent in one day, triggering a 10 per cent fall in the value of shares on the London Stock Exchange. Indeed, the 1980s were a decade of dramatic rises and falls as markets adjusted to an incredible boom, followed by recession, in the United States and Europe. The 1990s, in contrast, have proved calmer. so far.

The decade started on a dull note. At the beginning of January 1990, the FT-SE 100 was at 2,463.7, while the Dow Jones industrial average started the decade at 2,809.73. During the year, the dollar suffered a large loss in value. putting pressure on share prices around the world. The FT-Actuaries world index, which monitors world share prices, dropped more than 19 per cent in 1990, caused large-ly by the collapse of Tokyo,

The recent gyrations on , which had briefly been the Wall Street, and subsequent queasiness in The FT-Actuaries all-share inworld's biggest stock market. The FT-Actuaries all-share index fell 1.5 per cent. In the United States, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 4.3 per

> The beginning of 1991 brought the Gulf War, which proved a turning point for markets. After the depression caused by the invasion of Kuwait, the quick Allied victory injected a taste of muchneeded optimism. By late summer, both the FTSE 100 and the Dow Jones industrial average had inched back to their pre-1987-crash levels.

. Despite steady declines through the end of the year. both indices ended 1991 much higher than they started. Spring of 1992 brought con-

cern that a Labour government would harm investors and big business alike. But April 1992 brought an unexpected electoral victory for John Major, and the markets responded by rising steadily through June before falling back in late summer, partly over concern about ERM. which was stopping the Gov-ernment expanding the economy out of recession.

In September, Norman Lamont took Britain out of ERM and equities posted steady gains through 1993 and into February 1994, when the FTSE 100 topped 3,500 to set a record high, setting the pinnacle on a three-year run.

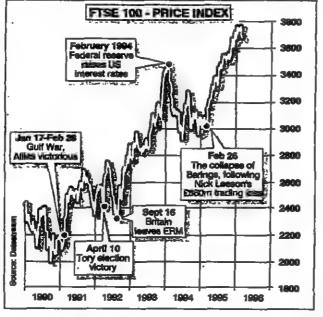
Shortly thereafter sentiment weakened when the Federal Reserve raised interest rates in US, sending the Dow

FT-SE 100 down 56. During most of 1994, buyers boyconed the market. By June the market had lost about 18 per cent

of its value and the FT-SE 100 ended the year below 3,100. The Kobe earthquake in Japan set 1995 off to a sober

ogy sector in the US which helped to end the year with an equity market rally. As a result, UK equities started 1996 at their highest

prices, in real terms, since records maintained by Barclays de Zoete Wedd began in 1919. The recent market start. World markets were swings have taken some of the



rocked amid fear that the earthquake would harm the Japanese economy. Former Barings trader Nick Leeson's misdeeds wiped billions off world markets in February on news of the Barings collapse. But the negative impact was offset by a flurry of takeover bids at home and a strong performance by the technol-

value out of the market, but prices are still very high. investing in a strong market can be dangerous. If the market takes a tumble, it can take years for investors to break even, let alone make a profit from their investment.

Those who invested in 1968, the peak year before 1993, had to wait 25 years before share

prices improved in real terms. On the other hand, if the general trend is upwards then savers would do well to continue to put money in regular

So what do analysts expect of the market in the coming years? Market bulls expect it to continue to be supported by savers looking for long-term investments. With interest rates at exceedingly low levels, they expect the money to keep pouring into the market.

amounts into shares.

The accepted wisdom is that equities offer the best longterm home for savings. According to BZW, £100 invested in equities in 1945 with dividends reinvested net of basic rate tax would have grown to £21,814 at the end of 1995. The equivalent building society fund would be worth £10,040.

But some are starting to question whether this trend will continue. Robin Aspinali, chief economist at Panmure Gordon, says: "We've had thirty years or more of the cult of the equity. The outperformance of the equity market in that time was phenomenal, driven by the amount of money pouring into the mar-ket which distorted valuations. Now we are in a decade of transition and are marking time while the valuations have a chance to return to more reasonable levels, with the gap between gilts and equities

Joe Rooney, global equities manager at Lehman Brothers, is more positive about the US market than the UK, although US equities have rallied more recent years.

The fundamentals in the US are good. Inflation is low and companies are generating good levels of profitability and retaining a good deal of that profitability within the company to generate future earning growth, so the market is not looking excessively priced," he says.

r Rooney believes the UK market IVI looks heavily priced because British companies are not investing enough to safe-guard their future profitability, while at the same time paying shareholders very high dividends. "If you took a point four years out, the probablity is that the UK market will be lower than it is today," he says.

Allison Southey, global strategist at Nomura, believes that "in the next 15 years the overall attitude towards inflation will change and we will embrace it as a way to quash other problems, such as high unemployment. In the long term that will not be good for equities." It would be even worse for fixed interest These bearish sentiments do

not mean that private investors should panic about their equity investments. It is, of course, quite possible that the bears will be proved wrong and equities will go from strength to strength. But this might be a good time to look very carefully at your portiolio, and perhaps to consider

A QUESTION OF MONEY

Ins and outs of APR can baffle any borrower

Dity poor, hapless APR Designed to clear up the confusion over lending rates, it has failed to keep up with the cut and thrust of today's credit card, mortgage and personal loan markets and is itself now accused of being confusing.

What is annual per-Q centage rate (APR)?

Annual Percentage Rate is the compulsory measure of the cost of credit. It includes interest plus any other charges that consumers have to pay. It is meant to enable consumers to compare the true cost of credit, but, with changes in products, there are now many loopholes in APR

How do the credit card issuers calculate

Credit card issuers A use a formula to calcu late APR. It takes account of compound interest (or interest charged on interest) each month for a year. However, APR regula-

tions pre-date the introduction of an annual fee, which has caused something of a mathematical headache.

The annual fee has to be converted into a percentage to allow it to be incorporated into an APR and that, says the industry's Credit Card Research Group, is an artificial calculation.

Other blips include disagreement among lenders as to whether an interestfree period (or the lack of one) should be included in the APR and disagreement about the credit limit at which an APR is calculated. in 1992, all credit card

issuers voluntarily agreed to use the same credit limit, of £1,000. However, the Cooperative uses a limit of £3,000 on its low-interest Gold Card. That lessens the impact of

the £120 annual fee, since the more you borrow, the less the fee works out as a percentage. Similarly, American Express, which charges a £20 fee after the first year, quotes on a limit

Lenders say that borrowers should look at the monthly rate. However, be warned that 1.67 per cent a month sounds small, but, on an outstanding balance, can add up to more than 20 per cent a year.

It is best to think in terms of pounds and pence: the "cost of borrowing". Simply ask each lender how much it will cost you to borrow £1,000 over a year.

The APR on mort-gages seems very low. Is this right?

A The Consumers' Asso-ciation says that annual percentage rates on mortgages are "detached from reality". There are

now many mortgages on offer with low fixed or discounted rates in the early years, but the quoted APR

will be misleading.
It will be artificially low because it has to be calculated as if the low rate applied for the entire mortgage term. In fact, once the fixed term ends, you will pay the much higher variable rate for the rest of the life of the mortgage. The Consumers' Association also claims that lenders leave out fees such as the mortgage indemnity guarantee.

Similarly, with endowment mortgages, the APR calculation will not include the cost of the endowment premiums because they are not paid to the mortgage lender.

Since the APR does not tell you the full story, it is better for borrowers to look at the actual monthly cost, both now and at the end of the discounted or fixed-rate

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How do lenders cal-culate the APRs on overdrafts and personal

Bank overdrafts need A careful watching. Calculation of the APR is not set by law, as it is for most other kinds of credit, and lenders tend to quote an effective annual rate - EAR

- which does not include transaction charges levied for going into the red or those letters that the bank sends you. Lenders can also omit fees from their APR calculations.

The APR on personal loans should, in contrast, be a useful guide since the size of the debt and its length are fixed from the outset.

However, the increasing popularity of payment protection insurance has muddied the waters. When insurance is compulsory. the APR should reflect the cost. If, however, it is simply available or recommended, the cost can be excluded from the APR.

The redemption penalty for paying off a loan early will also not be included

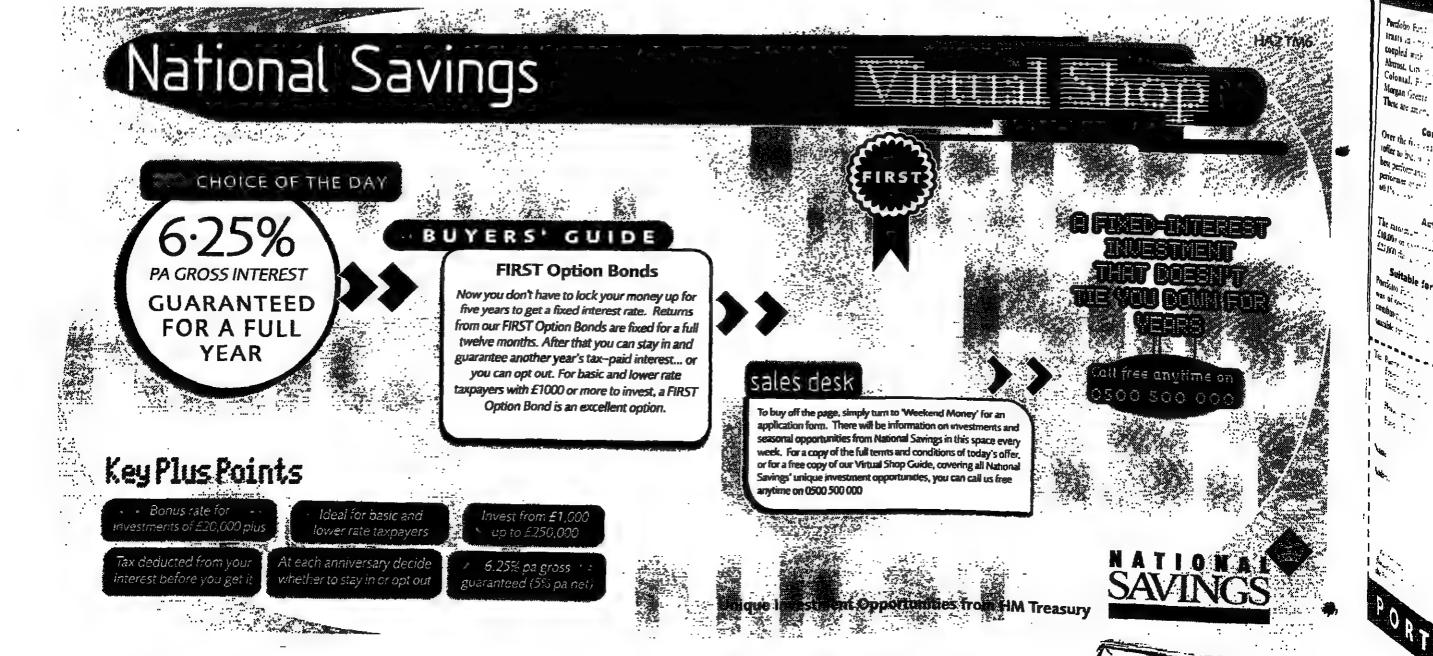
Q calculation of APRs Will the method of now be changed?

Two years ago, the Office of Fair Trading published a report on the Consumer Credit Act.

It included a specific recommendation that there be changes to the way in which APRs are calculated and disclosed to improve their usefulness for comparing credit terms. That has not been acted upon by the Government

However the European Union is currently looking at proposals for a common method of calculating APRs.

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Revenue has eye on £17bn handouts

The Inland Revenue has this week pronounced on the taxation of building society takeover and conversion payouts which will enrich the nation to the tune of £17 billion this year and next.

The recipients of this bounty probably hoped that the topic of tax would not be raised. They will be disappointed to learn that, not only will such distributions be taxable, but also that the rules are less than straightforward. Thoroughly confusing would be one description for the statement from the Revenue, a body, you will remember, supposedly en-gaged in the simplication of all its regulations.

Three different rules and two different kinds of tax will apply to the windfalls being given to savers and horrow-



COMMENT

ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance **Editor**

ers. Why such a miscellany should be necessary is a mystery. Yesterday accoun-tants searching for reasons could supply none.

If your society merges with another and you receive cash. this will be subject to income tax. However, if your society is taken over, or converts into a bank, capital gains tax will be payable on the eash you pocket, should your gains exceed your annual exemp-tion of \$6,000 (£6,300 from Aprill. If, instead, you get a package of free shares, there may also he a capital gains bill. But only if you sell the

shares. This means that thousands will have bux to pay on their slice of the \$1.8 billion Cheltenham & Gloucester takeover money: one point that the Inland Revenue manages to make almost clear. Members of the Halifax, Wuolwich. Alliance & Leicester and National & Provincial

ut their efforts may be in vain, after another Government announcement of the week. The Building Societies Bill, published on Monday, proposes to allow societies that wish to selves against bids. Deloitte &

can breathe again, provided they do not sell their shares.

Members of other societies

which may, in the future,

merge with their fellows will

he less pleased to see their

reward reduced by tax. They

may press instead for a

takeover which will give

them tax-free each or shares,

as few individuals make

gains of more than their

examption.

merge to ring-fence them-Touche will be one of the accountancy firms pressing for clarification of the payout taxation rules. The Revenue

had their savings in their names only. The N&P should

give all successors voting rights and full share entitle-

ment." Fortunately, more fav-

ourable treatment is being

was secure. The first mention that successors would receive ers on joint accounts where the fixed distribution the first named holder dies came in a booklet, Share before the vesting date. These Accounts in the Sole Name of savers can qualify as joint account successors and will be entitled to the variable distrithe Deceased, sent out in Mr Ferguson said: "There will be widows of men who bution, provided they meet

about this task than over its

deliberations on another type

of building society payment.

For several years, societies

and other lenders have been

offering cashbacks to give

their mortgages marketing

been repeatedly asked wheth-

er these payments (which can

be as high as £10,0x10) were

subject to capital gains tax.

No firm answer was given. Earlier this month, some

societies were still of the view

that the cash would not be

taxable, if spent on sofas in

Habitat, say, rather than on a

Now we learn that cash-

backs are, after all, not to be

taxed, either as income or capital gains. There is just

one question. Why did it take

new five door saloon.

The Inland Revenue has

the conditions, The deadline for votes in the N&P takenver poll is midnight on April 6. Helpline

ANNE ASHWORTH



Fight for voting rights by heirs of N&P savers

December 5, 1995. As his son

was not able to transfer his

father's account containing

£5,000 into his own name by

December 31, he unwittingly

lost the right to vote. (The N&P variable distribution is

made up of a fixed £750 worth

of free shares, plus 7 per cent

of the account balance up to

At the time the account was transfered, on January 26

1996, Mr Ferguson was told

"the entitlement to benefits"

£50,000.)

A n advertising cam-paign is under way, urging the 1.4 million members of the National & Provincial to give their assent to the Abbey National's £1.3 billion takeover of their society.But in the last few days a group of N&P savers has found that it is not entitled to vote in next month's poll, although it holds share accounts with voting rights, opened years before cut-off

dates for takeover benefits. The accounts qualify only for the fixed distribution of E500 worth of Abbey National free shares. They are excluded from the variable distribution. worth as much as £4,250, the Jan Ferguson, a consulting

reward for long-term savers. actuary from Cheltenham, is one of this disenfranchised set of savers, the "successors", or heirs of deceased N&P inves-

tors. Their situation is the

in the Building Societies Act that says only savers of two years' standing with a society may benefit from takeover or conversion windfalls. "Only members who survive until the vesting date, the day the deal is completed, can receive benefits as two-year savers," said the N&P.

But, as other building society conversion and takeover deals show, the two-year rule is open to interpretation. The payout to the N&P successors is itself a compromise reached after what the N&P calls "long conversations" between the N&P and the Building Societies Commission, the watchdog. Mr Ferguson, however, believes this ruling deprives his father's £20,000 estate of about £750 worth of benefits he had earned as a long-time saver with the society.

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Sarah Jones puts the case for getting the choice of your new Tessa correct

Favourite auntie with a bad flaw

long with Tessa 2. Tessa's little sister. Guaranteed Tessa, her auntie, is making a regular appearance these days. And she is ever one's favourite auntie, it seems, Providers report that the majority of second-time Tessa savers are going for the fixed-rate, rather than the variable-rate option. Five years on from now though, she might not look so attractive.

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Interest on a variable-rate Tessa will move up and down with the bank or building society's variable rate, which is linked to changes in the base rate. A fixed-rate Tessa pays one rate throughout the fiveyear life of the account, Variations on the theme include escalator Tessas offering a fixed rate guaranteed to rise each year for the five years.

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get a lower 7 per cent. The Royal Bank of Scotland's new follow-on Tessa has a fixed rate which rises each year, starting at 7 per cent in year one and reaching II per cent in the final year. That gives an effective annual rate of 7.71 per cent, or a maturity value of £13,051. One of the best fixed rates around, it is still topped by two current variable Tessas, from Northern Rock (8 per cent) and the Cheltenham & Gloucester (7.75 per cent). Fixed rates of about 7 per

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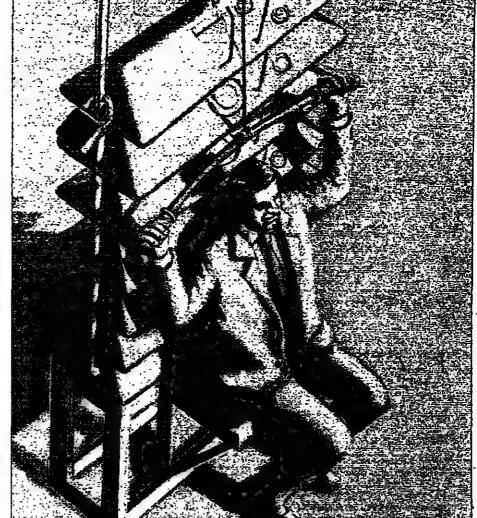
to get much beyond 6.75 per cent. However many analysts believe that savers might be bener off avoiding fixed rates. as rates could rise over a new Tessa a five-year term.

lan Millward of Chase de Vere says: "Interest rates move in eveles and we are currently at the bottom of the cycle, the worst time to go into a fixedrate investment. Nobody anticipates interest rates climbing back to 15 per cent in the next five years, but they only have to go up to 8 per cent and your Tessa fixed at 7 per cent is no longer a good deal. By tying themselves in, riskaverse savers are actually exposing themselves to risk by going for a fixed rate."

thers are more sanguine. "There are some good fixed deals around at the moment and that may be preferable to variable rates which at the outset look attractive but then sink," says Alastair Altham of Johnson Fry Asset Managers. "However, you must be sure that you can lock your money away for five years. The penalfor withdrawing from fixed-rate Tessus can be very severe, as much as i80 days loss of interest."

For savers trying to hedge their bets, Birmingham Midshires is offering an account fixed at 6.75 per cent for two years before moving to a variable rate. Similarly, West Bromwich has an account with a 6 per cent fixed rate and the option on the third anniversary to move to a higher 7.5 per cent fixed rate or move to the variable rate. Abbey National's follow-on Tessa, fixed at 6.8 per cent, will pay a bonus of 1 per cent of the capital balance in each year in which the average base rate exceeds the previous year's average base rate by at least 1

per cent. Providers, 100, seem divided over whether new issues of fixed rates should be going up or down, TSB, for example, has increased its fixed-rate Tessa from 7.05 per cent to 7.4 per cent, while West Bromwich has drooped its rate from 7.55 per ceni to 7.10 per cent.



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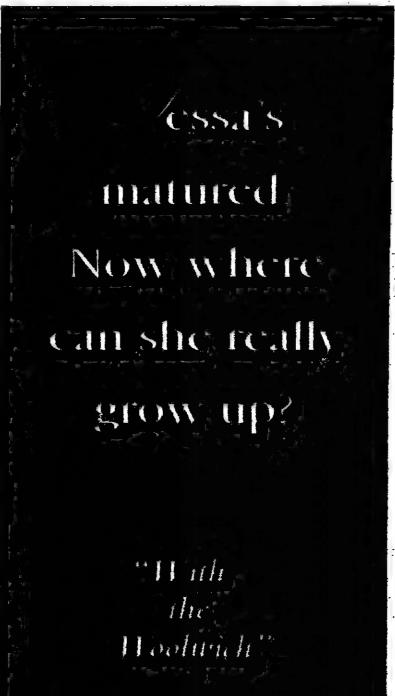
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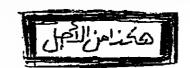
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The new tax rules that could launch a big paper chase

Karen Zagor on why it is vital to keep your financial records up

to date for self-assessment

new self-assessment tax rules. That is the me-sage from the Inland Revwhich this week launched an advertising campaign to warn all taxpayers to keep records of earnings and

expenditure.
The 20 million people who don't get tax returns don't have to worry about self-assessment," says a Revenue spokeswoman. But they still need to keep records because if their circumstances change, they will need to have their paper-

work in order." Record-keeping for tax purposes can be onerous. In the US taxpayers are accustomed to hoarding shop receipts, cheque stubs, credit card bills and bank statements. Few people have a kind word to say

about the process. Heather Masri, a US graduate student has passed on the burden of filling in tax forms to her husband. "Before I got married, I filed my own returns. The worst part of it was going through a shoe box filled with receipts and picking out all sorts of things to deduct from this massive pile of papers, then adding them up and realising that the total amounts were smaller than

the standard deductions." Ms Masri said it usually took her four hours to sort through the paperwork, without counting the extra time spent chasing missing forms. I don't earn much money, but if you have anything extra, like a bank savings account, you have to get an addendum to the tax form. The bank doesn't always send you one so you have to go to the bank or post office for an extra form. which they never seem to have, and that takes time."

Maria Silber, also of New York, says the process is "so horrible that I pay an accountant \$250 a year to do my taxes. even though my situation is fairly straightforward. It's hard to keep up with every change in tax law, so you pay an accountant to know these

things for you." In the UK, the Revenue is assuring taxpayers that the new tax structure will not mpose an undue burden. "For most people, record-keeping means keeping your P60 form. If you have got building society savings, keep your statements. For most employed people, it's not much." But the truth of the matter is that if you claim any allowances, including the married couple's allowance, you will have to be able to provide

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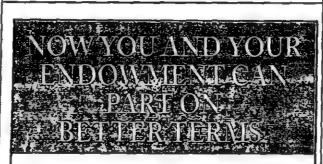
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Robert Miller on two investment stars and the Japanese factor

The cult of turning fund managers into investment stars and promoting trusts on the back of that fame is an interesting, if sometimes flawed, concept. Flawed because, for all we know, the manager might just have got lucky and been in the right market at the right time.

This weekend, however, investors have a choice between two fund managers who have every right to call attention to their investment skills. In one corner is Ed Merner, late of Schroders and now with Atlantis which today publishes the prospectus for its new Guernsey-based Japan Growth Fund. In the other, is Michael Hart. manager of Foreign & Colonial trust since 1969, Britain's oldest and second largest investment trust, which on Thursday announced its 25th consecutive annual dividend increase.

In securing the services of Mr Merner, Atlantis has scored a notable coup with which to promote its new offshore fund. He has more than 25 years experience of the Japanese securities market and the Schroder Japanese Smaller Companies Fund, which he managed, is the top performing unit trust over ten years. Mr Merner, a fluent Japanese speaker, will continue to live on the spot in Tokyo.

The investment brief for the new Atlantis Japanese fund should suit Mr Merner down to the ground. As the prospectus says he can build his portfolio "without specific restraints on sector weightings or size of company and with an emphasis where the investment adviser (Mr Merner) perceives there to be future growth prospects and above average management".

Atlantis Japan, which hopes to raise \$150 million, has made an application for a listing on the London Stock Exchange and subsequently hopes to qualify as an approved investment trust. The fund's mini-

Reputations at stake in battle of heavyweights



Push and shove: skills are under scrutiny as two new funds fight it out for investors' cash

mum entry point is £1,500 and investors will receive the bynow-traditional one free warrant with every five shares. But Atlantis investment

Management is a mere babe when stacked against the giant F&C and in the highly cutthroat investment world (see Trustwatch below) it has to make a mark with investors in a short space of time. Atlantis was only founded in 1994 by Peter Irving, a former assistant director at Schroder Investment Management, where he was in charge of Korean Investments. Japan also features in F&C's geographically diversified portfolia together with Europe, the US. Latin America, other Far East markets and the UK.

If you are looking for a specific exposure to Japan then the Atlantis Japan Growth shortlist. If, however, you

want a sound and consistent general investment trust, where the manager makes all the decisions for you, then F&C has to be a very strong contender. A final point is that both F&C and Atlantis Japan are non-qualifying trusts in personal equity plan terms and only £1,500 can be ringfenced in them. F&C does, however, offer you a chance to make up the difference to

Analysts welcome TR's hostile bid

THE hostile bid launched this week by TR Pacific Investment Trust on Thornton's Asian Emerging Markets Investment Trust is not so much ruthless as just plain no-nonsense (writes Robert Miller).

TR Pacific, managed by Michael Watt. is a top performer in its sector and its shares trade at a premium to the net asset value of the underlying portfolio. Thornton Asian languishes at the other end of the performance scales and its shares trade at a discount

The TR Pacific bid offers Thornton Asian shareholders new TR Pacific Ordinary shares or a cash alternative to those investors who want an exit route. If the TR bid is successful, it will cut the annual management fee to 0.9 per cent. To overcome the problem posed by



Thornton Asian's holdings in unlisted Chinese investments, TR proposes to strip these out and issue "C" or Conversion shares in respect of them.

Iain Daie, chairman of TR Pacific, says: "Our offer provides Thornton Asian shareholders with an attractive opportunity to exchange their Thornton Asian shares for securities which enjoy a better

market rating, and in the board's opinion, offer better prospects for the future, while providing an immediate solution to the problem of Chinal est." Thornton Asian, which is due to be woundup this autumn, had already called an extraordinary general meeting to consider its future possibly involving a restructuring as an open-ended fund. In light of the TR bid. Thornton Asian'a board advised investors to take no immediate action. Investment trust analysts welcomed TR's move. Hamish Buchan of NatWest Securities said the bid "made a lot of sense". Peter Walls of Credit Lyonnais Laing said: "This is construction or corrective corporate activity and we welcome it." Additional research by Jill Forbes

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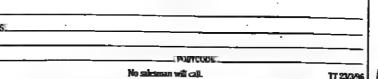
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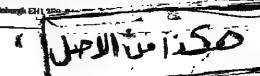
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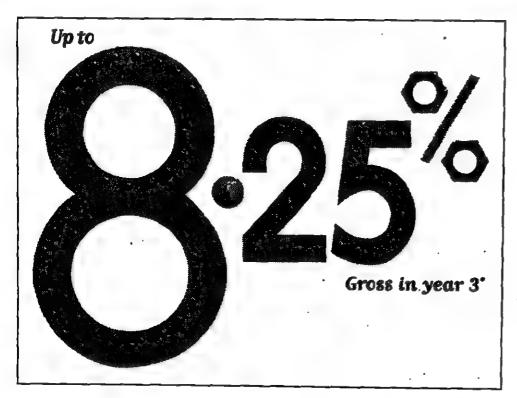
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largest private motor insurer, is about to break into what its chief executive Ian Chippendale calls the "cosy, rip-off world of travel insurance". It will begin testing single-trip and annual policies this summer, and expects to have a full product range in place by spring 1997.

Some travel agents make 40 per cent commission on travel insurance policies sold with package holidays. The Office of Fair Trading is so concerned about the practice that it launched a study last year and expects to make its findings public within three weeks. Direct Line, which prompted a price war in the motor insurance market by cutting out commission paid to brokers, has given warning that it intends to do the same for travel insurance.

As holidaymakers travel to more adventurous destinations, they need more insurance cover. No insurer will cover countries which the Home Office has advised British tourists to avoid. Others will warn holidaymakers about areas with high crime rates. In Peru, bombings are commonplace. In Jamaica, walking or taking public transport at night is not advised and in The Gambia the political situation is worsen-

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ing. Anyone taking out travel insurance should obey a few simple rules.

Policy type: It is important to choose a policy according to how many times you go on holiday each year. Annual policies, which cover any number of holidays taken during the year, are becoming popular. But they may limit the length of an individual trip.

☐ Level of cover: If you are

sports while you are away. such as scuba diving or white water rafting, it is important to make sure that the policy covers you. Some, such as that offered through Thomas Cook, will automatically cover you for these extra activities, with

☐ Doubling up: It is worth checking to see whether any of your existing policies give you some sort of cover. It could be

others you pay extra.

ums this way. Cover for baggage, for instance, comprises about 30 per cent of premiums, and you may already be covered under your household insurance.

Follow the conditions: It is important to check that you fulfil all the conditions of making a claim. For example, if you are robbed, you may not be able to make a claim unless you have police corroboration.

The right route for US car insurance

Who visit the US each year will hire a car for their holidays. Those taking advantage of the many "fly-drive" deals offered will automatically get a car as part of the package, while others will choose to hire a car when they get to their destination.

Tour operators point out that it is imperative to understand the intricacies of the insurance they are taking out. they do not, they risk nancial ruin. Matthew

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who went on holiday to the US last year, face such predicament.

Mr France and Pilkington were involved in a collision with a motorcycle while on a Los Angeles highway. Unfortunately, one of those on the motorcycle fractured their skull, and, in a move which is commonplace in the US, they decided to sue the couple for damages. medical costs and loss of earnings. Mr France believed he

would be covered for the litigation under his travel insurance policy, which he took out with Thomas Cook. It offered £2 million public liability insurance.

sternation he found that his policy did not cover anything "arising directly or indirectly from the ownership or use of motorised vehicles". To be completely and adequately insured, he would have needed to take out extra cover on top of the motor insurance cover he did take out. Mr France claims: "We were told by Thomas Cook that we had all the necessary insurance, so we did not take out any extra." Mr France has hired law-

yers in both the UK and in the US to help him fight his action, in which he could end up being Hable for \$1million. His solicitors are hoping to team up with the motorcyclist's solicitors to bring a case against Thomas Cook. Bob Clark, commercial insurance



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France: car crash

products manager, points out that all travel insurance policies exclude car accidents under their public liability cover. Mr Clark adds: "The minimum amount of liability insurance people are obliged to take out in America varies from state to state. For example, in Florida it is \$20,000. This minimum compensation is very low in a country where the maximum awards are very

He advises anyone planning to hire a car in the US to take out the liability insurance supplemente For example, US insurer AIG has a policy Topsure, which will provide extra cover of up to \$1m_Mr Clark says: "The extra cover costs around £5 a day."

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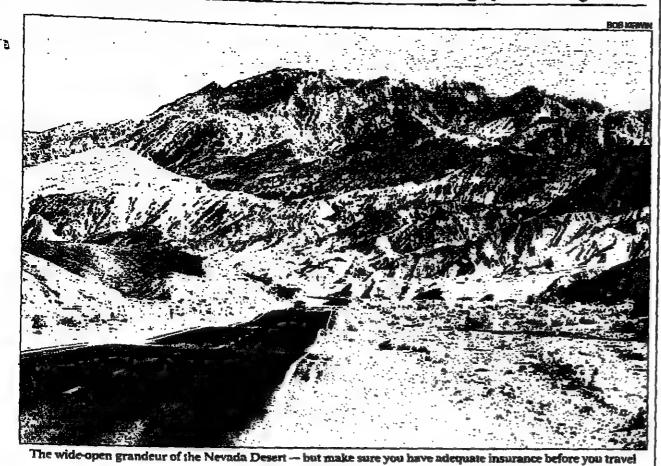
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the world. The mighty greenback remains the favourite method of payment from the street bazaars of Cairo to the chic shops of Hong Kong.

Yet if you are returning to Britain from abroad with a large sum in dollars it is a very different story. My father is an American resident. I see him infrequently and on my last visit he gave me \$15,000 in crisp \$100 bills to cover Christmas and birthday presents over the coming year for his seven English grandchildren and their parents.

It seemed sensible to keep commission and bank charges to a minimum by exchanging the sum in one transaction and then distributing the money around the family in sterling.

I consulted my account manager at the National Westminster bank in Orpington, Kent; where I have banked for more than 20 years. I was told that the bank's maximum commission was £15, no matter how large the sum. My best course, I was advised, was simply to pay the cash direct into my NatWest account. When the NatWest was asked to turn \$15,000 into

sterling there was a considerable sting in the tail

I did so and thought no more of it until two months later when I received the regular quarterly bank statement. The sum credited was just about £9,200. A quick back-of-the-envelope calculation suggested that at about 1.52 dollars to the pound, the sum should have been nearer 19,900.

The bank denied that there had been any mistake. Yes, the commission was only £15. But, they now explained belatedly, they offer a different exchange rate for cash deposits in foreign currency to cover their "handling charges".

And it is some difference. To handle my 150 crisp new bills the bank had offered just 1.63 dollars to the pound. Although I had been acting on the Nat-West's own advice on how to minimise charges on the transaction, the bank had ended up taking more than £650 out of

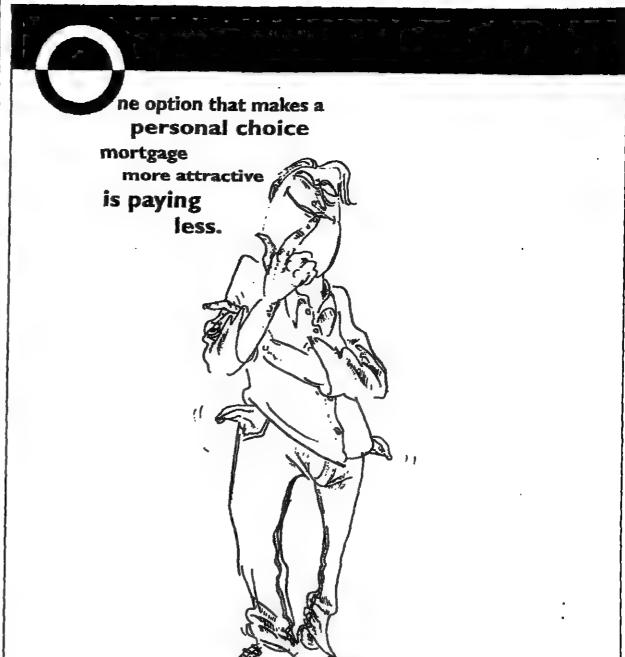
the children's gifts from their grandfa-ther. At no point had NatWest told me that there was a different - and highly disadvantageous - rate for cash

I pointed out that I could have handled the transaction cheaper myself by flying back to America and asking my father for a cheque. Eventually NatWest offered a refund of £300 as a "gesture of goodwill". Even so, I had still paid more than £350 for their services.

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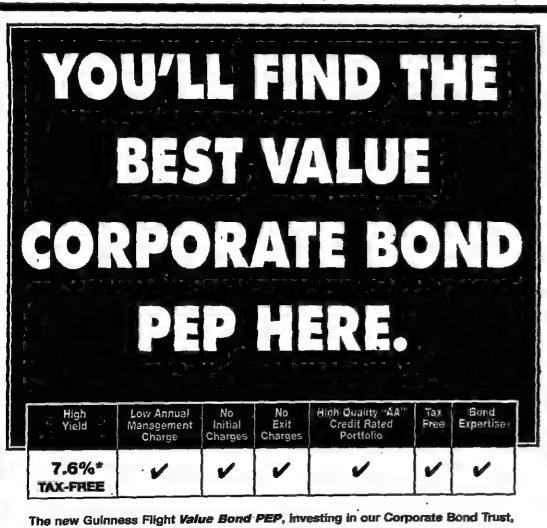


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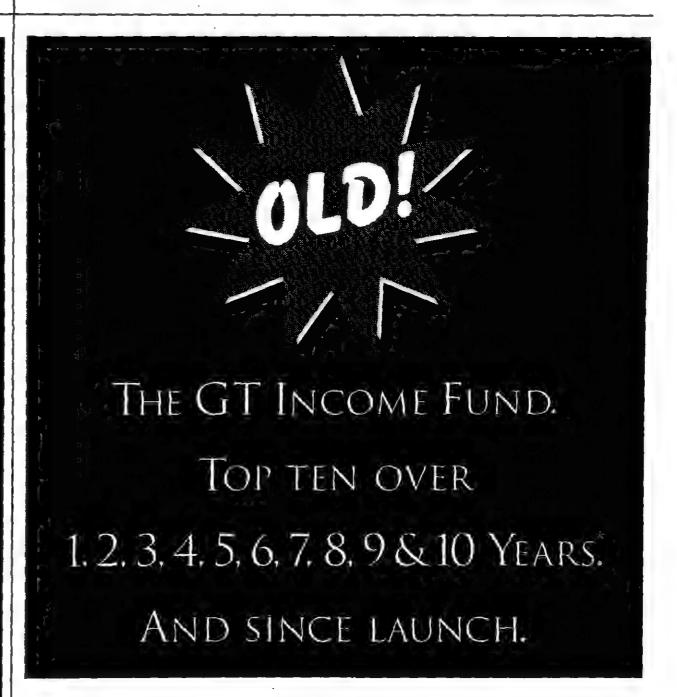
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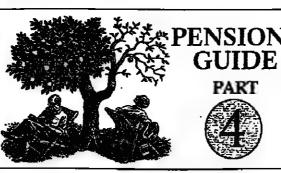
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Helen Pridham on why it is vital

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ince 1988, employers have not been allowed to make it compulsory for employees to join an occupational pension scheme. But if you are offered the chance of joining a company scheme it is

rarely advisable to refuse. The biggest advantage of belonging to a scheme is that your employer will be making a contribution to your future pension on top of any savings you make. Indeed, with some occupational schemes, the employer pays the full cost.

According to the National Association of Pension Funds's 1995 Annual Survey, employees last year were expected to contribute an average of 4.6 per cent of their earnings to their schemes, while employ-ers paid in 7.1 per cent. In schemes where employees were not expected to contribute, employers stumped up an average of 10.1 per cent.

With most schemes, though, employers' contributions vary from year to year because they pay whatever is necessary to meet the on-going cost of the scheme. There are often other benefits associated with penscheme membership,

such as life assurance.

Currently half of all company employees belong to an occupational pension scheme. The two main types of occupational pension schemes are:

☐ Final salary schemes: These traditional schemes. which still make up the majority of those currently in exis-tence, promise a fixed amount of pension in relation to your final salary at retirement for each year you work for an employer. A frequent build-up is 1/60th of final salary for each year of membership of the scheme. The maximum permitted pension is twothirds of final salary, but since it normally requires 40 years continuous service with one employer to achieve this maximum, very few people ever

reach this level. employees. These schemes are attractive for employees because of the certainty they provide. They are especially advantageous for those with long service. whose earnings increase towards retirement. Employers are growing less keen on them, though, because of the open-ended financial commit-



ment they require and increased regulation.

☐ Money purchase schemes: In recent years an increasing number of employers have introduced these schemes which require fixed contributions from both employers and

The amount of pension you get from this type of scheme is not guaranteed. It will depend on the level of contributions, the investment performance achieved by the fund's managers and annuity rates at the time of your retirement. While these schemes lack the certainty of the final salary, they tend

to be fairer to those who move

jobs.
Until relatively recently, employers were often not very good at communicating the merits of their pension schemes to employees, particularly the fact that they were paying into the schemes on behalf of their employees or the continuing benefits of an occupational pension in retirement. This is undoubtedly the reason why some people in the late Eighties were lured out of superior company schemes

which are now the subject of a large-scale regulatory review. Nowadays the marketing rules for personal pension salesmen are much stricter but there are still some people who are opting not to join occupational schemes, "They tend to be either young people who

misguidedly

into personal pension schemes

have the cash in hand or people who do not expect to stay very long with their employer says Sheila Fuller. pensions adviser at indepen-

dent intermediaries, Frizzell

Life & Financial Planning. he adds: "The problem is that the young people will find it very difficult to make up these contributions in years to come, while those who think they are only going to be with an employer for a short time are often still there five years later.

Fortunately, however, even you have declined membership of a scheme in the past, most employers will still allow you into a scheme for future

Many people were put off occupational pensions by the Maxwell affair. However the comes into effect in April 1997 will introduce a variety of measures designed to improve considerably the financial security of pension scheme

Since 1986, people changing jobs have had the legal right to transfer their pension rights out of their old employer's pension scheme to their next employer's scheme or to their own individual pension plan. This can be advantageous but it is vital to get professional advice.

Jim Brooks, development manager for Clerical Medical, the insurer, says: "Transfers are not always advantageous especially if your old employer gives generous post-retirement discretionary increases

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The price war, which has been raging among the Pep product providers over the last three years, has now spread to the independent financial advisers selling the products themselves. Discounting has caught the imagination of the public, and unit trust companies are reporting a big surge in business as the end of the tax

When unit trust Peps were first introduced a few years ago, it would have been unthinkable that charges would fall to this level. Then, investors had to pay for the Pep wrapping, as well as a 5 to 6 per cent initial charge. It is now cheaper to invest through a Pep, than it is to buy the underlying investments.

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The adviser will then hope to make money on renewal commission, usually 0.5 per cent. The renewal commission comes out of the annual management charge on the Pep, which is usually in the order of

However, over the last few weeks, price competition has intensified to the extent that some of the deals offered by the discount houses are effectively "loss leaders"

One particular broker, the Pep Shop, based in Nottingham, is offering a 4 per cent discount on some products. The broker itself pays the extra recoup from two-years' worth of renewal commission.

The Pep Shop gives those who take up its services generic advice about which type of Pep to take out. Haydn Green, Pep Shop managing director, said: "We find out whether, for

invest for growth or for income." He said investors would then be advised about the types of products which would be suitable. Mr Green said "Most of our clients are in the over-45 age group. These people may be building society refugees, or those moving capital out of fixed interest stock, directly into equities." Mr Green believes discount houses will grow in number. and could end up representing around 50 per cent of all Pep business transacted.

The Pep Shop will give a 4 per cent discount on Perpetual Peps, a 4.5 per cent discount on Jupiter Peps and a 0.75 per cent discount on Fidelity's

corporate bond Pep. Next year it is planning to offer "welcome payments", for people transferring their Peps from other brokers.

helsea Financial Services is one of the biggest and longest established discount houses in the country. It claims that investors are taking out Peps with it at a rate of 1,000 a week, John Holder, Chelsea managing director, says it started the discount battle more than ten years ago Chelsea, for instance, will offer a discount of up to 5 per cent on Perpetual's Peps. The discount will comprise of 3 per cent rebated commission plus another 2 per cent from Perpetual itself.

Pep-Direct is the latest entrant into the market. It offers an execution-telephone ser vice, which costs a flat fee of £25 per Pep. The company. which is part of Independent financial adviser Clark, was launched on February 17. It has already sold around 1,400 Peps.

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AN UPDATED guide to the Community Care Act, which includes the revisions in state benefits coming into force on April I, has been published by PPP Lifetime Care, the longterm care insurance company. The guide simplifies the rules governing benefits and provides examples of entitlements that individuals can receive. For a free copy, call PPP Lifetime Care on 0345 777543.

Holden Meehan, the independent financial adviser, has published its 1996 Independent Guide to Ethical and Green Investment Funds, reporting a 26 per cent increase in ethical funds under management in the past two years. The guide offers a review of the current market to assist investors in selecting the most tax-efficient fund for their needs. The guide covers 21 pension funds, 11 Peps and three Tessas — funds which either demonstrate a positive commitment to the environment's protection or which use a set of ethical criteria. Call Holden Meehan on 0117 9252874 (Bristol) or

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number of shareholders now stands at nine million. Pro-Share is trying to raise the pro-file of share ownership again and has published a 40-page paper setting out its ideas. For a copy of All Capitalists Now, send a cheque for £4.99 to ProShare UK Ltd, Library Chambers, 13-14 Basinghall Street, London, EC2V 5BQ.

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Caroline Merrell looks at the options and notes some of the criticisms of Peps that return your capital · Guarantees available — but at what price?

The word guarantee has a peculiar allure for the public. For those unused to the ups and downs of the stock market, a guarantee can provide the extra reassurance they need to encourage them to switch money from their building society account.

Many fund management groups are now offering personal equity plans (Peps) which will guarantee to return your capital if they are held for a specified period, usually five or six years. The guarantee does not hold if the product is cashed in earlier.

investors should be aware that these guarantees come at a price. You may be sacrificing some of the gains you could make on the stock market for the security.

For example, Sun Alliance is launching a lump-sum Pep which gives investors the option of taking out an insurance policy outside the Pep. Those who take out the policy will be are guaranteed to get back their capital plus the premium they paid for their insurance policy. There is also the potential of some capital growth on the Pep itself.

The premium costs 5 per cent of the investment - £300 on a maximum investment of £6,000. The rest of the money will be invested in curporate bonds which will aim to pay a high tax-free income. The Pep is currently yielding about 7 per cent, although this level of income is not guaranteed. Sun Alliance expects to take at least £100million in to the Pep. It is extending the offer on the plan until the end of April to allow investors the opportunity of investing both this year's and next year's Pep allowance in to the plan. Keith Luckhoo, market-

ing services manager, said: "You are

sacrificing the interest you would have

earned investing the insurance premi-



um in a building society account, in return for capital protection." He points out that the interest enmed today on a building society account would be around the 4 per cent mark. "In effect you are paying £12 a year for the capital protection." He adds:

"This product will give peace of mind to the huge number of building society investors who do not want to expose their capital."

The Pep, though, has drawn fire from John Spiers, Best Investment managing director. He has criticised the yield figure. "It does not take into account the amount you invest in the insurance premium." He also points out that the yield is not guaranteed at the 7 per cent level. Mr Luckhoo said: "We think out the firm which will not fine the property of the fluctuate much from this."

All the other guaranteed Peps on offer rely on derivative instruments, called options, which are purchased using a proportion of the investment, usually about 3 to 5 per cent. The options are used to guarantee the return of capital, or the income level, over a certain period of time. Those companies offering Peps with some sort of guarantee include GAN, Edinburgh Fund Managers, Legal & General and General Accident.

GAN's guaranteed Pep, for instance, can provide a maximum income of 8 per cent a year tax free. If the Pep is held until the end of the sixyear term, the original investment will be returned.

nvestors are guaranteed an in-come of at least 4 per cent; the other 4 per cent is dependent on whether the FT-SE 100 index rises over the discrete one-year period starting from March 8. The GAN Pep is one of the few to offer some sort of guarantee on the income.

However, some advisers are scenti-

cal about this guarantee. Ian Millward, an adviser with Chase de Vere, a Pep specialist, said: The market could easily rise one year and fall the next, bringing the yield down to b per cent, with no possibility of capital growth." Sultan Jetha, development director

and group actuary at Sun Alliance, said: "This Pep is aimed very much at security-conscious investors who de-mand capital protection."

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Building Society has suspended processing of applications for Direct Access instant access, 90-day notice postal and high-interest cheque accounts after being overwhelmed by applications.

Earlier this month, the West Bromwich Building Society suspended applications for its Direct Instant telephone and postal instant access account. Neither society can guarantee that when they resume sending forms, users of the forms will get the rate currently being offered.

Savers seeking a good variable rate with easy access targeted the societies, consistently top of best-buy tables. West Bromwich was pay-The West Bromwich was pay-ing 6 per cent gross on a £2,000 in its instant access

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M Bristol & West. Those who have received an application form should fill it in and return it, and interest at the current best-buy variable rate will be backdated to when cheques are received if pro-cessing is delayed. Savers who have not yet

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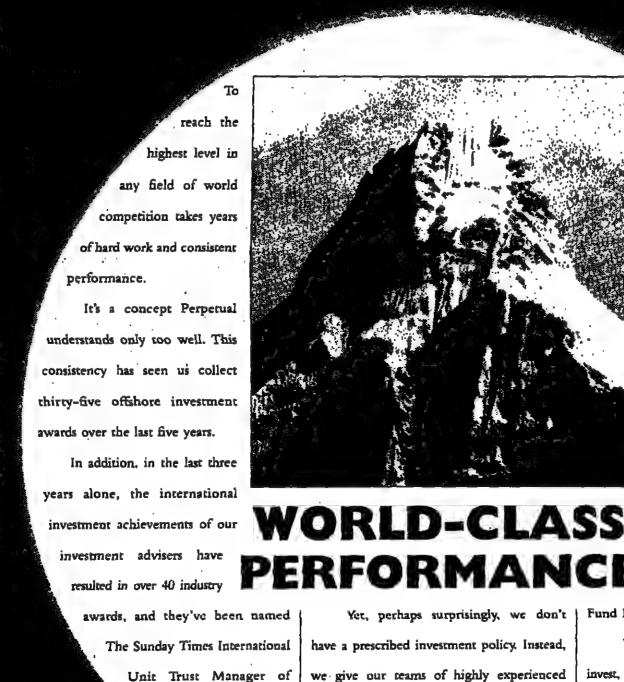
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Is this the 'best' so far in the sorry tale of friendly society policy maturity value?

From Mr B.E. Danton Sir, Further to the correspondence from Mr Brabbin and Mr Bryant concerning the maturity value of friendly society policies, (Weekend Money Letters, Why we need to champion the small investor against friendly societies. March 2, and Friendly rivalry in maturity, March 16) I think I can claim the "best" so

I have just received notification from Family Assurance that my ten-year policy is due to mature this April.

For an annual payment of £105.84, I quote: "the current value of your policy is £1,312.76. This is not the tenth anniversary value as your policy value will continue to fluctuate in line with market conditions and may fall as well as rise".

Among the options offered in their letter is the opportunity to continue making contributions to the policy, or leave the policy to invest with no further contributions. I have written to Family

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Yours faithfully, R.S. PAYNE, 20 Moffat Road, Christchurch.

on this policy over the past ten years as they make much of the fact that it is a tax-free

Assurance asking for details of

the gross rate of interest paid

Until I receive that crucial piece of information I shall be unable to make an informed decision as to where I shall place the profits from their endeavours on my behalf over

the past ten years. I am ashamed to admit, to my dismay, that I have a second policy with the cominy due to mature in October

I am open to any advice as to whether I should ditch the policy now (I expect it would be virtually worthless to cash it in) and put the payments to more fruitful purposes, or continue with the policy and make the best of a poor

Yours faithfully, B.E. DANTON, 20 Mere Close, Newport, Shropshire.

In praise of mutuality

From Mr R.S. Payne Sir, I have just read your leading article in *The Times* (Jack of all trades or master of one? Weekend Money. March 16) and I agree with every-thing you say about building

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Tax advantage with Peps

From Mr P. Regan Sir, Well done Mr Craighead. (Charges may take much of the interest out of Peps, Weekend Money Letters, March 16). Charges are critical when assessing personal equity

For most investors capital gains tax exemption is irrelevant and freedom from income taxation offers a small advantage which is easily lost

in charges. Competition is forcing down charges and more transparent disclosure is coming.

But let the buyer beware. The tax advantage is yours. Don't give it away. Yours sincerely. PHILIP REGAN. The Vicarage. The Parish Church of Combe St Nicholas. Combe St Nicholas.

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Lenders seek talks with Union Finance clients

enders are urging bor-rowers who tried to free themselves from negative equity by taking advice from Union Finance to make contact and negotiate a settlement. They promise they will be sympathetic to borrowers who talk to them and warn those who fail to come forward that they can expect to face court action to recover

versial debt counselling service, went into liquidation at the beginning of the month, leaving thousands of borrowers tens of thousands of pounds in debt.

Many have contacted The Times, saying they have no means of repaying the money. But they are afraid to contact their lenders in case they are pursued for luge debts through the courts. Many are also angry that their lenders proved unhelpful when told of negative equity problems in the beginning. This pushed them into the arms of Union

Finance, they say.

The affairs of the collapsed firm are in the hands of the official receiver, which is handing them over to A. W. Sara McConnell

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Mudd, an insolvency practitioner in Billericay. But unravelling Union Finance's affairs could take months, while borrowers' debts continue to mount. Lenders say people should not delay contacting them until they hear

from A. W. Mudd. Union Finance told borrowers that they could free themselves from negative equity by handing in their keys and claiming on the mortgage indemnity insurance taken out to cover the loan. The insurance pays out to the lender if it has to repossess and sell the property at a

But Union Finance claimed the insurance covered the borrower rather than the lender and that borrowers could not be pursued for any shortfall. Lenders say this is wrong and they can and will pursue defaulters for up to 12 years. Several court cases have confirmed the lenders' view that the mortgage indemnity in-

Borrowers who have handed in their keys and forced lenders to sell at a loss are still liable for the difference, which continues to accrue interest until repaid. Legal fees and other costs are also added.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML) said: "Of course we want people to talk to us and see if an arrangement can be made to repay some or all of the shortfall. Surely it's better to try and reach a deal rather than waiting for a possibly enor-

Individual lenders agreed. The Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester, all of which have borrowers who contacted The Times, urged people to come forward. The Woolwich said: "We take a pragmatic approach. We want to recover the debt but if they haven't got the means we will reach a sensible settlement." But it gave warning: "If we can't find people we will use a

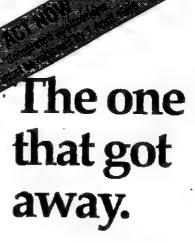
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Only three shots behind the

leaders. Barb Mucha and

Marianne Morris, after a first

round 71, two under par, that

included a bogey five at the 17th after a two-iron out of

bounds off the tee, Davies

It is a par five that she has

reached with two good blows in the past, but the world

No I's drive sailed away to the

left, into a grass gully not far from the out-of-bounds posts,

and she had to settle for a par.

next, a short hole, drove well

- and left again at the 13th, a

450-yard par five she had

with a three-iron.

Davies collected a par at the

started at the 10th.

Gebresilasie

by Kenyan tacticians

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN STELLENBOSCH

haps, Catherina McKiernan,

ner-up for the last four years,

each time to a different cham-

pion. Ribeiro is seeking her first world title. Paula Rad-

cliffe, Britain's only hope for

an individual medal in any of

the four senior and junior

races, has had her preparation

interrupted by injury. Kenya will be seeking an

eleventh successive men's team title and should succeed.

Even by Kenyan standards.

their squad is outstanding.

Less of a formality will be a

fifth successive individual title. Haile Gebresilasie, from Ethiopia, stands in the way of

Based on his achievements

over the last year. Gebresilasie

appears untouchable but Ke-

nya's team tactics have served

them well over many years

and the fascination here will

be to see whether he can

outwit the group. The Kenyans always field at least one

sacrificial runner and a plan

will have been worked out to

see that Paul Tergat retains

set world records at 5,000 and

10,000 metres, a world best for

two miles, won the 10,000 metres world title and, indoors

this season, has set world records for 3,000 and 5,000

metres. He was not impressed

that the International Ama-

teur Athletic Federation

named Jonathan Edwards as

In the latest issue of the

IAAF magazine, Gebresilasie

made clear his feelings.

"What's running two miles in

8min 07.46sec compared with

a hop, step and jump? I know

why I lost. It is because I am

African. But it will not happen

again. If I win two Olympic

medals in Atlanta [5,000 and

world athlete of 1995.

Last summer Gebresilasie

McKiernan has been run-

from Ireland.

CROSS country, traditionally

a winter sport, stages its annual world championships

here today in the warmth of

the South African autumn.

Temperatures in the eighties

have eiched worried looks onto the faces of the Great

Britain team, and they have

not been alone in expressing

Derartu Tulu, the defending

senior women's champion. said. Tulu is from Ethiopia, so

no wonder Keith Cullen, from

Chelmsford, the British senior

men's champion, had a fur-

rowed brow. British squad

members have been losing up

to two littes of fluid on

training runs. It was mildly

encouraging for them vester-

day to learn that, though the

temperature was forecast to

reach 82F. partly-cloudy skies

The success story of South

African sports teams on home

soil - rugby World Cup

winners. African Nations' Cup

football champions, unbeaten

in Test cricket - is unlikely to

open another chapter here. Although Zola Pieterse has

been pleased with her train-

ing, it would be an upset if she

was to add a third world title

to the two she won for Eng-

discounted as a medal pros-

pect, especially in Stellen-

bosch, the spiritual home of

distance running in South

Africa. It is familiar territory

for the former Miss Budd,

whose one-time coach. Pieter

Labuschagne, was based here.

seventh in 1994 and though

she missed the 1995 champion-

ships through pregnancy, she

has been looking forward to

this event. "My fitness is at

least on a par with my last two

championships." she said. Fit-

ting though it would be for

South Africa's best-known

athlete to win on the occasion

of the first world athletics

ernt to be staged in the

Sountry, the race should be

Ribeiro, from Portugal, Sally

Barsosio and Rose Cheruivot.

both from Kenya, and, per-

Tulu, Fernanda

Pieterse was fourth in 1993,

However, she should not be

land in the mid-Eighties.

were predicted.

"It is a little too warm."

their concern at the heat.

threatened

S Africa pick Adams for A tour to England

IN BRIEF

SPORT

PAUL ADAMS, the unorthodox, teenage left-arm spinner. has been selected for the South Africa A cricket squad to tour England in July and August, Jacques Kallis and Steve Palframan, Adams's World Cup team-mates, will also be in the party. Other Test players included are John Commins, the captain. and Brett Schultz, the injurytroubled left-arm fast bowler. Ridley Jacobs, the Leeward Islands wicketkeeper, and Laurie Williams, the Jamaica all-rounder, are newcomers and Stuart Williams, Phil Simmons and Philo Wallace have been recalled by the West Indies for the first three one-day Internationals against New Zealand starting

in Kingston, Jamaica on Tuesday, SOUTH AFRICA A SOUAD G F J Leberborg Strong J B Cattrins (cop) H H Gobbt J H Notic H D Advertan, N Fothas S J Patriman L kassensi D Caronas, N Bou P A Adams, S M Schutz R

right at the 12th - another par Grosses, a Bott in Hosam, più schule in Historica, G.Smith WEST INDIES SOUAD CA Warsh Iscapi J C. Arache C. E. L. Antrone, E. I. C. Hoddy R. Jacobs B.C. Lara P.V. Semmons P.Wallson L. Wildern, S. Walans cleared in two on Thursday, No contest

Yesterday, her drive soared left, hit a big eucalyptus tree. bounced against a garden wall and came to rest, in bounds, perfectly playable. Davies played up just short of the green, pitched beautifully to three leet - and missed the

On Thursday, she had used the new Ping "Danser", a punter with a mallet-shaped head, but yesterday she was using a more conventional Ping putter, still seeking that magic touch on the greens. At the 14th. Davies eventual-

ly got her driver — a Maruman with a black titanium head called the "Laura Special" - working and hit the ball miles down the middle. It yielded another par but she dropped a shot at the 15th, another par four, to slip to one

Ahead of Davies, Trish Johnson, a Solheim Cup teammate, was three under par after birdies at the 11th, 13th and 16th had offset a bogey — three putts — at the 12th. Johnson, out last on Thurs-

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated) 68: 8 Muche, M Morris 69; K Perhar-Gregory, D Coe-Lones (Can), S Sternhauer 70: C Koch (Swey, M Redman, S Redman, V Skinner, B Burlon, K Webb (Aus), L Lindley Other Europeen scores: 71: L Neumann (Swe), L Dawles (GB), K Marshall (GB), 72: A Palis (Fr), S Croce (I) 73: C Nileman-Michberg (Swe), F Cescampe (Bel) 74: C Pierce (GB), A Sorensiam (Swe), A Nicholas (GB), 75: S Struckeck (GB), E Danlor (Swe) 77: I Abribol (Sp), H Alfredsson (Swe) 77: I Abribol (Sp),

day, shot 72

left to Soulsby to come in with a 73 and prevent Morley from taking the trophy home to the North of England. she had never won it. Though it took her time to get going - her morning Riley makes rivals listen to reason

name.

by the end.

round of 76 was six strokes behind that

of Hurley - she was sharper after lunch, particularly with her putter.

in her 71, two under par. Morley had at least six single putts, ramming in one

of 30 feet on the last to set a target of 147.

Nicola Moult, Susan Hodge, Susan

Moon and Caroline Hall, professionals

all failed to match this total and it was

preserve his score. His round

contained two bogeys and six

birdies, three of which were

achieved with putts of more

than ten feet, and he was very

obviously a relieved man to be

in the clubhouse with a chal-

lenging score against his

surprised to be on ten-under

going into the weekend; if the

he would have expected a

score of well into the twenties

reens had been in good order

Joanne Morley and Janet Soulsby, two

of the more experienced professionals

competing in the Rochampton Gold

Cup, will share the handsome trophy

for the coming year. Few competitors coped with the afternoon rain as well as

they did yesterday; their totals of 147.

one over par, were sufficient for them to

be joint winners with Kim Hurley,

above, the Coine Valley professional, a shot further back (John Hopkins

FROM the toes of his shoes to the top of his head, Wayne Riley exudes all the breezy confidence of the archetypal Australian. He is a bold and bouncy fellow, who in his time has roistered around the golf courses of Europe and be-yond. These days, though, he says he is a different man, a more professional player, and yesterday he produced an example of his changed persona as he took a healthy lead at the halfway point of the Portu-

10.000 metres), everyone in The greens this week have been the downfall of the Europe and America will have to vote for me." Victory today Aroeira course, an otherwise charming, tree-lined layout south of Lisbon, and time was would help his case. In the sub-plot, Britain hope to finish as the leading Eurowhen Riley, who in his youth was something of a loose pean nation and perhaps take cannon, would have expressed team bronze medals but this will only happen if their top opinions on them that would have been, to say the least, six run to their best form.

guese Open.

colourful. No more: part of his growing up has been to take the more measured view, the reasoned approach.

The Gold Cup is a pleasing bark back to a bygone era. Thirty-six hole compe-

titions held on grey days in early spring

are not much in vogue. Nor are events

that are not decided on a count-back

after a tie between two or more players

but shared, as this one is. The last time

Morley has played in this event more

times than she can remember, though

there was a tie was in 1989.

Thus it was that, after the first day, he confined himself to remarking that the greens, which have been made horribly soft and uneven by the vast amount of rain in this part of Portugal in the past three months, looked like they had had the Grand National run over them. From some of his peers, it would have been mildly sensational. From Riley, it was sensationally mild.

Riley led by three strokes from José Coceres with Klas Eriksson, the Swede who was the first-round leader, a further shot behind. Riley's short irons were his friends for the second day, but he nonetheless still had to hole his share of longish putts to

"It was not easy on those

greens," he said after complet-

ing a 67 for a total of 132, ten

under par. "They are frighten-

ing - I can't tell you how bad

they are. The only way to treat

them is to putt as if you are on

good greens and hope for the

LEADING CHALIFIERS

Then somebody told him that David Feherty thought that eight under par would win the tournament. "Yes, well, he's an Irishman," Riley said. "He talks a lot of old cobblers." Riley and Feherty are good friends -- and Feherty, who likes nothing more than the odd spot of verbal jousting, would have

led the laughter had he been present.

FORTHERECORD of Sheifleid) 23, 18; 3, M Fibbans (Harileid) 23,29 200m; 1, P Palmer (City of Lincoln) imin 49 64sec; 2, A Clayton (City of Lincoln) 1:50,52 Breaststrolet (City of Birminphern) 1:50,52 Breaststrolet (100m; 1, R Maden (Rochdale Aquabeans) 1:02,76; 2, J Perrack (City of Leeds) 1:03,73, 3, B Brenell (City of Birminphern) 1:03,84 Butterfly; 100m; 1, J Hickman (Stockport Metro) 53,62,9ec; 2, A Clayton (City of Leeds) 55,02, 3, S Parry (City of Liverpool) 65,27 Women: Freestylets 80m; 1, S Robin (City of Newcastle) 26,18; 2, A Sheppard (Mangawe and Bearsden) 25,57; 3, C Wilmod (Barnel Coptral) 28,86 100m; 1, R Pockerng (powich) 65,85sec; 2, S Roiph (City of Newcastle) 56,01; 3, A Sheppard (Mingawe and Bearsden) 25,77; 3 Breeststroke: 200m; 1, M Hardman (City of Birminpham) Zimn 31 18acc; 2, J King (Borough of Weitham Porsent) 22,244, 3, R Floation (City of Leeds) 215,93, 2, H Saener (Marringfon Wamors), 3, M Fedder (Porsmouth Northsea) 218,66 Backstroke: 200m; 1, J Dealurs (City of Carvetrly) 215,72, 2, K Osher (Ealing) 216,41; 3, E Tattam (Potsmouth Northsea) 218,20 Mediay: 400m; 1, S Hardcastle (Bracknell) 451,07,2, L Finday (Wycombo Destrut) 4'53,68; 3, H Saeter (Warringfon Wamors), 4,55,45

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QAVISI CUP: Asia/Oceurus. Zona: Group free: Group A: Singapore 2 Pacific Coestra 1; Kazakiratara 2 Syria 1; Maleysta 2 Oman 1 Group B; Lubenon 3 Brunel 0; Calar 3 UAE 0, Bangladesh 3 Jordan 0

Boxing: Richie Woodall's European middleweight title defence against Salvador Yanez, of Germany, in Hamburg was called off last evening. The German promoters, who had paid Mickey Duff, Woodall's manager, £120,000 were unable to find the rest of the purse of £180,000. Duff was prepared to wait until the weigh-in time of 6.30pm but even by then the organisers were short of the balance and Duff decided not to proceed with the match.

Cambridge lead

Golf: Thick fog meant the scheduled 36-hole foursomes were reduced to 18 at the start of the 107th University Golf Match at the Royal West Norfolk course yesterday. Julius Stobbs, the Cambridge captain, halved the opening match against Magnus Lindelow, of Oxford, and although Oxford claimed the second match. Cambridge won the last three, to end the day leading 32-12.

Walker beaten

Squash: Chris Walker, the England captain, crashed out of the Equitable Life Super Series finals in Hatfield 10-8, 9-6, 9-6 at the hands of Brett Martin, the world No 3 from Australia.

Bell strikes

Skiing: Graham Bell, already the downhill champion, won the parallel slalom title in the British Land National Ski Championships in Tignes

That shrinking feeling undermines Australia

This column is in deep mourning. Those poor, poor Aussies! How sad it was that after, in their manly way. they had refused to play a cricket match - a curse on those people who said "wimped out" — in Sri Lanka, they were beaten in the World Cup final by none other than Sri Lanka. These tall, bronzed and butch Australians, defeated by little chaps from a little Asian island. How terrible! My heart goes out to them. And, as it does so. I learn a terrible fact: Australians are shrink-

It is true. Australians are getting smaller and smaller. No sign yet of them vanishing altogether, but the smaller Aussie is a fact of modern life. Perhaps Sri Lankans are getting bigger. The Austra-lian National Heart Foundation reveals that the average Australian male stands at 176.1cm (about 5ft 95in) compared to 177cm (about 5ft

⁰²3in) seven vears ago. it reverses a long-established trend for taller Australians. The reason for this is immigration: many immigrants from Asia are on the short side of tall. This is so much the case that the Australian arm of Levi's jeans are to test the marketing potential of jeans for shorties. A delicate matter, especially in Australia. "We would never use the word short," Jean Laird, the Levi's marketing manager, said. Perish the thought.

Frozen out

Sad tidings of one of the alltime great heroines of this column: Tonya Harding, the black witch of ice skating. After the Harding business in which her Sindy-doll rival, Nancy Kerrigan, was whacked in the leg with an iron bar - ice skating has soared to unprecedented popularity. Oksana Bayul, for example, now earns \$3 million (about £1.9 million) a year. The only big-name skater not making a mint a fellow who was jolly good at



SIMON **BARNES** On Saturday

from skating is Harding. She was banned from skating as an amateur, but can still perform as a pro. But she never does: no other skater will perform in an event in which Harding is scheduled to take part. Harding's latest bid for glory, or perhaps I mean hard cash, is to seek reinstatement as an amateur.



She has a hearing at the United States Figure Skating Association next week. Alas for all Harding fans, we are talking snowballs and hell.

Bookish Don

Sport is trivial in itself, which often misleads people into thinking that it only represents trivial matters. Such a delusion is slowly being eroded, and sport is increasingly seen as an important matter in cultural history. The younger the country, the greater the importance. I learn of a new book on Sir Donald Bradman, scheduled for release this summer. Another? There are already 33 books with Bradman in the title, enough, you would think, for

hitting a ball with a stick. This one is written by the Welshman and politician, Lord Williams of Elvel, Labour's defence spokesman in the Lords, who said: "This chap was the icon of Australia in the Depression years. when Australians were fed up with Britain, partly over Gallipoli — and the reaction from the Empire was to produce Bodyline." Hence the whinge that can be heard to this day.

Fallen idol

Chuck Wepner, one of those shadowy figures who play a supporting role in boxing. was always known affectionately as "the Bayonne bleeder". You may remember that he once went 15 rounds with Muhammad Ali. He has allegedly been losing again, this time to a night-club bouncer, Eric Middleton.

"He sucker-shot me," Wepner protested. "He hit me in the eye when I wasn't looking. He hits like a [fill in your own favourite adjective] girl." Wepner, sent to his knees by the blow, pressed charges for assault. "I asked that the cops put us both in the same cell so we could settle it like men. But they laughed."

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BOWLS

BASKETBALL

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FOOTBALL MESSAY'S TANK PROMISE

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EUROPEAN CUP WWWNERS' CUP: Outsiler-finals, second leg: Peyenoord 1
Borussia Monchengladbach 0 (Feyenoord and 32 on appregate); Paris Saint-German vin 3-2 on aggregate); Rapid Venna and 3-2 on aggregate); Real Zaragoza 1 Deportivo La Coruna 1 (Deportivo La Coruna vin 2-1 on aggregate).

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Total love

The magazine, Total Football, lists the top ten acts of devotion performed by serious football fans. These include watching an entire match on Teletext, successfully explaining the offside law, and asking your partner to wear a club shirt during sex (the magazine alleges that this particular habit is "not an unusual request in Newcastle"

McLeod and DJ Monetty, WJ Dugdele and I A S McLeon lost to O Melik and C J H Placeti; MR Jones and R J Wester lost to D Brown and K M Melcetis.

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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 3 Ottawa 1, Florida 3 New York Islanders 2, Phtsburgh 5 Edmonton 4; Tempe Bay 3 Weshington 3. RUGBY UNION

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SHEFRIELD: Optrex British Olympic trials: Finals: Merr: Preestyle: S0m: 1, M Foster (City of Carditi) 22 74sec; 2. A Rapley (City

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KEY BISCYANE, Florida: Upton championships: Men. First round (velected results): P Korda (Ez) b D Der (Ger) 6-4, 6-3 S Draper (Aus) br C Wilkinson (GB) 8-3, 6-4. J Storieshborg (Aus) br G Etis (Arg) 6-1 B-1; W Kowabki (Pol) br A Knokston (JS) 8-3, 3-6, 7-8 R Remberg (US) br A Reduleacu (Ger) 7-6, 6-4 M Joyce (US) br A Reduleacu (Ger) 7-6, 6-4 M Joyce (US) br M Hadad (Col) 4-6, 7-8, 6-4 Women. First roundt K Habsudows (Souakas) br S Miser (Gor) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. D Graham (US) br V Martinek (Ger) 5-7, 6-2, 6-3, M Endo (Japan) br B Reinstadler (Austral 6-4, 6-4, 5-2, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2, 5-3, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4, K Kschwendr (Ger) br J Kendari (US) br J Strington (US) br J Constant (US) 6-1, 7-5, L Wid (US) br F Lubean (II) 6-2, 6-1, K Shufenikova (Slovalas) br M Drake (Can) 6-4, 6-2, R McQuidan (Aus) br J T Snyder (US) 7-6, 6-3, N Milyagi (Japan) 5-3, 6-3, S Stafford (US) br N Kijimuta (Japan) 6-3, 6-3, S Stafford (US) br N Kijimuta (Japan) 6-3, 6-3, S Stafford (US) br N Kijimuta (Japan) 6-3, 6-3, S Stafford (US) br N Kijimuta (Japan) 6-3, 6-3, S C Sperial (Ger) br N Arendar (US) 6-3, 6-4, K Kschwendr (Ger) br N Arendar (US) 6-3, 6-2, E De Lone (US) br V Ruano-

SNOW REPORTS

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Fame Again can star in Lincoln

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

FAME AGAIN, backed from 25-1 to 12-1 with the sportsors yesterday, can land the gamble in the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster this afternoon.

Lynda Ramsden took the first big handicap of the season with High Premium three years ago and is particularly adept at scoring with older horses first time out - as she confirmed with a 22 per cent strike-rate last season.

In a race where the winner's starting price during the past decade has averaged more than 22-1, surprises have been commonplace, but the form book and the trends of the Lincoln highlight the prospects of the daughter of Then

Twice a winner on softish ground as a two-year-old. including over seven furlongs years the Lincoln has been

Sandown handicap last season but showed even better form in her final three starts, in competitive affairs at Doncaster, Ayr and Ascot. On her last start she was fourth, beaten just over two lengths by Night Dance, in the Tote

Nap: FAME AGAIN

RICHARD EVANS

(3.40 Doncaster) Next best: Supreme Lady (2.00 Newbury)

Festival Handicap and reopposes on 9lb better terms. Significantly, Fame Again has run seven of her 19 races at Doncaster and showed her liking for the course by finishing in the frame on five occasions. During the past ten won by horses in a narrow rating band - 75 to 84 - with all carrying 3st 8lb or less and

she qualifies on both counts. With the rain having produced perfect underfoot conditions, she also appears well drawn in stall nine as the pace in the race looks set to come from horses drawn towards the far side of the straight mile. The first four home in yesterday's Lincoln "dress rehearsal", the William Hill Spring Mile, were drawn 2, 1, 7 and 3.

Jack Ramsden, husband of the trainer, said yesterday: Farne Again will like this ground, but there is a doubt about her getting the mile. Although she won over the distance as a two-year-old, last year there were a few times when she appeared not to get the trip."

However, the informative statistical review produced for the first time by Timeform

discloses that the average win-ning distance of Then Again's ner-up in the Britannia Handicap, must be respected offspring at four is 8.2 furfrom stall two. longs, compared to 7.5 at three, so the stamina doubts

may prove to be unfounded.

good or better the strongly-fancied Delta Soleil would

have been one for the short-

list, along with the well-drawn

Shinerolla, but the rain may

Instead, the main danger to

Reg Akehurst-trained Sharp

Prospect, who is proven on

soft ground and won over

course and distance first time

out last year. Akehurst has his

string in fine form and landed the Cystic Fibrosis Research

Cup in the cheekiest fashion

Roving Minstrel, winner of

the Lincoln 12 months ago.

looks fairly treated and should

not be far away from stall

seven on his favourite track,

with Shadirwan yesterday.

have hindered their chances.

If the ground had stayed

Away from the television cameras. Riverbourne goes to post in the South Yorkshire Maiden Stakes (5.15) carrying stable confidence. Mick Channon's unraced son of Riverman should not be inconvenienced by the ground and is well drawn in what appears to be a moderate race. Fame Again appears to be the '

At Bangor, the Gordon Richards-trained Parsons Boy makes a quick reappearance after winning at Newcastle five days ago and can land his fourth successive victory in the Miles MacAdam Novices' Chase (3.45).

☐ The participation of Dextra Dove, a 16-1 chance, in the Martell Grand National next Saturday is in doubt after Simon Earle's chaser ripped off three shoes yesterday dur-



Cool Edge takes command in the William Hill Spring Mile at Doncaster yesterday

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2.00 Kingsinger 2.30 First Maite

3,40 Detta Soleil 4.15 Penny A Day 4.45 COOL JAZZ (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 RIGHT WIN. Newmarkst Correspondent: 3.40 AUTUMN AFFAIR (nep). 4.45 litternel.

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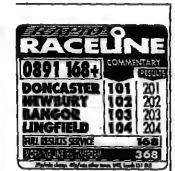
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Mark Tompkins, the Newmarket trainer, saddled his first winner for four months when 20-1 chance Cool Edge won the £20,000-added William Hill Spring Handicap at Doncaster yesterday. Racing on the far side, Cool Edge quickened to the front approaching the final furlong to beat Lynton Lad by 14 lengths, with Dances With Hooves a further length back in third. If the ground remains soft, Cool Edge could return to action in the Spring Cup at Newbury next month.

Supreme Lady to progress again

1.00: Turning Trix was badly hampered in the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Chase at Cheltenham and that run is best forgotten. Previously, David Nicholson's progressive chaser ran well here behind Terao and he is worth another chance. Do Be Brief bounced back to form here 18 days ago when defeating Philip's Woody and will appreciate the ground conditions, but Suny-Bay is the most progressive horse in the field. An impressive winner at Towcester, he was going well at Sandown 11 weeks ago when slipping on a bend and fracturing his jaw. Provided Charlie Brooks's chaser is fully recovered, he should go close.

1.30: Frogmarch has impressed when winning novice events at Newbury and Windsor but looks to have his fair share of weight against experienced handicappers. Star Market thrives on his racing and after running with credit at Cheltenham bolted in at Hereford three days later. But his best form is on right-handed tracks. Teinein bounced back to form when shortheaded by Divertimiento at Chepstow and is the one they all have to beat.

2.00: Henrietta Knight nominated this race for Supreme Lady in early January after her well-bred mare f the mark ove at Leicester. The five-yearold subsequently showed even better form when winning at Fontwell and there is every reason to believe she can progress again now that she tackles a distance of ground. Goldenswift is twice a winner over this distance on softish ground. Along with Miss Optimist, she looks the main danger.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION DONCASTER

CHANNEL 4

3.00: Projection, winner of a 21-runner maiden at Newmarket last autumn, is well regarded by Barry Hills and will be a hot favourite. However, ground conditions here are very different and with two Hills-trained favourites having flopped this week, Mironov is a value alternative. The son of Marju won his only start in Italy on softish ground and has pleased Mick Channon during the winter. 3.40: See above.

4.15: An early season puzzler made even more complicated by the soft-ground loving Right Win returning to the Flat after running poorly in the Champion Hurdle. Rainbow Top makes his turf debut after easily winning two all-weather races, but in a contest with limited betting appeal Daraydan could oblige. Winner of a listed rated stakes at Newmarket last October, he has winconditions underfoot.

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4.45: With several runners preferring to be held up, this may produce a falsely run race where riding tactics are all important. Carranita, winner of a listed race over course and distance last November, revels in the mud and should go well.

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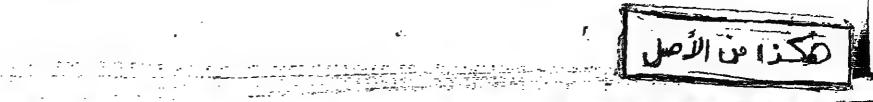
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Coldstream injured

COLDSTREAM, the Godolphin-trained 2,000 Guineas hope, is to miss the race after fracturing his near-hind leg (Julian Muscat writes). Simon Crisford, of Godolphin, said: "The injury is obviously disappointing but we are optimistic that Coldstream will return to the track in due course.



Seasoned Wood * retains his powers

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES IN ADELAIDE

BOWLS is a young man's game these days, but William Walker Wood, MBE, bucks the trend. At 57, he is the oldest man left in the world outdoor championships here and yesterday he rolled back the years to help Scotland into the final of the triples.

Wood was the pivot, effectively controlling the action from his position between the lead, Kenny Logan, and the skip, George Adrain, as Scotland defeated South Africa 23-11. The Scots will play the New Zeuland trio of Andrew Curtain, David File and Peter Belliss in the final tomorrow. in the pairs semi-finals to-

day. Australia meet Scotland and Ireland take on Wales. A count of live on the twelfth end broke an 8-8 deadlock and gave Cameron Curtis and Rex Johnston, the Commonwealth champions, a 13-8 lead over the high-profile England pair, Tony Allcock and Andy Thomson. The Australians mopped up, winning 24-11 and ending the prospect of a United Kingdom monopoly in the

The semi-final between Australia and the champions, Richard Corsie and Alex Marshall, of Scotland, both unbeaten, should be a fascinating encounter. Will Thomas and Robert Weale, of Wales, and Jeremy Henry and Sammy Allen, of Ireland, survived surprise defeats in the final round-robin session.

Henry, 21, is one of the youngest competitors in the event, while Allen, his skip, is only three months younger than Wood. They almost threw their chances away when they lost to Kenya, but collected seven shots over the last three ends to tie with New Zealand at the top of the section B pairs table.

Level on points and on shots, they got through because they had beaten New Zealand in the match between the two top teams yesterday. Wales went through despite losing 24-19 to Jersey.

Bath in sight of Twickenham again

Hill prepares for happy return with Gloucester

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHEN this season began, Richard Hill was the chairman of selectors at Bath. Today, he will walk into the Recreation Ground as director of rugby for Gloucester, whose unenviable task it is to halt Bath's headlong rush into yet another Pilkington Cup final.

The story of Hill's abrupt departure from Bath, the club he served for a decade as a player, is history now. There was not room for him and John Hall and perhaps English rugby was the beneficiary. in that two such intense per-sonalities now divide their talents between two clubs. rather than pool them for the benefit of only one. Certainly Gloucester, despite their lowly league position, have been transformed under Hill's guidance.

Six months ago, they were a club in shock. Their nadir came at Orrell early in October, when their play was so bad that Hill and his coaching colleagues. Peter Kingston, John Fidler and Viv Woolley, were reduced to white-faced silence. "When I analysed that game I found we gave away possession 30 times," Hill said. "I went to Gloucester with plenty of strategies but there was no game on which

you could build them." Gradually, the players developed the ability to string phases of play together, only for Hill to discover that they lacked the fitness to sustain the effort for 80 minutes. The players have knuckled down and I have seen significant improvements," the former England scrum half said. "I can see the form of clubs like Saracens, Orrell and Bristol dropping off and ours improving. Whether that will be enough to keep us in the first division, I don't know, but the

spirit in the club is fantastic and the cup has brought a

tangible reward. "It has kept our season alive, it gives a buzz at training and the nice thing about the semi-final is the excitement among the players. They feel good, they know they are playing well and they can't wait. I have to be realistic. playing Bath is a massive task. This game is about 18 months

TEAMS.

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too early in the development of

this Gloucester side, but we

progress." Others recognise Hill's achievement. Phil Greening and Dave Sims, the club captain, have played for England A this season, youngsters such as Rob Fidler and Scott Benton have settled in, and now Ian Smith has returned from Scotland duties and the effervescent Mark Mapletoft from injury, after a year recovering from damaged cru-ciate ligaments. Compared with Bath's swath of internationals, it may not seem much, but there is a hunger about

there before. "There will be no mixed feelings about returning to Bath," Hill said, "I'll feel very proud walking in with these players from Gloucester. As a player, I was passionate about everything to do with Bath but until you become involved with another club, you don't realise how that passion can develop in another way. I'll enjoy the day and so will

they."

If Bath, playing at home in a semi-final for the first time, are favoured to reach their tenth final in 13 years. Leicester seem even greater certainties to win the other semi-final, at Sunbury, against London Irish, from the second division. On a yielding surface, the Leicester forwards will surely deny the fluent Irish backs - directed for the first time in a competitive game by David Hum-phreys, the Ireland stand-off half - the ball they need to

Clive Woodward, the former Leicester centre now coaching the Exiles, makes no secret of his primary ambition, promotion. Even so, 6,750 people will cram into Sunbury — not a ticket is to be had for love or money — to see the men in green try to win against the odds in a match that brings the country's two leading points-scorers, John Liley and Michael Corcoran, face to face.

play a wide game.

☐ Cornwall may have no say in the county championship final this season but they may vet have a day out at Twickenham if Heiston win their semifinal of the Pilkington Shield. against Wellingborough Old Grammarians at the Bridgwater ground. In the other semi-final, at Wakefield, Medicals meet Old Centralians, neither having conceded more than one try in

seven shield matches. They

should be equally matched.



Hill has put his England experience to good use in transforming Gloucester

Davies returns on cup mission

THE alliance of Llanelli brain and Cardiff brawn - if that is not too great a generalisation finally earned Wales an overdue success in the five nations' championship last weekend (David Hands writes). Today the two clubs are rivals at Stradey Park in the quarter-finals of the Swalec Cup, a match which gives Jonathan Davies his greatest examination since his return last autumn from rug-

by league. Once, Davies was lauded by the Stradey terraces. Now he plays for Cardiff at stand-off half, the position denied him most of this season by the form of Adrian Davies; but the younger Davies is struggling with a thigh injury that he has carried since November and faces the possibility of an operation, so Jonathan must help Cardiff justify their tag as cup favourites.

To confuse matters further, another member of the clan. Phil Davies, will be doing his best to deny Cardiff. He has played in seven cup finals for lanelli and this is due to be his last season with them before joining Leeds as their director of rugby in June -

in Wales at the moment are Neath, who should dispose of Dunvent at The Gnoll. The

good display by Caerphilly, the second division club, who play Newport. Swansea, last year's cup winners, must concentrate on making up ground in the Heineken League by beating Bridgend, while, tomorrow,

the next generation will be on

show at St Helen's in the colts

international between Wales

er a package that will keep him in Wales. But the most dangerous side

cup romantics will hope for a

Inaugural games at national stadium

By Sydney Friskin

THE inaugural matches will be held at hockey's National tomorrow, when England's men will play India and the women meet France.
The final scramble for

places in the Great Britain squad for the Olympics in Atlanta now begins in earnest, with the younger men, Pearn, Hall and Hoskin, staking their claims. Hall and Hoskin were at the Olympic qualifying tournament two months ago in Barcelona and Pearn at the Champions' Trophy tour-nament last September in Berlin, where he set up the chance for Hall to score the equalising goal in a 1-1 draw against Australia.

Soma Singh, a late replace-ment for the injured Hazlitt, will probably fill in at left half and McGuire, now fully recovered from his back injury. rerums at full back. India, retaining 14 of their

squad from Barcelona, will probably build their attacks around the brilliance of Dhanraj Pillay at centre forward and Mukesh Kumar, the outside right.

The Royal Air Force defeated the Army 2-0 at Aldershot yesterday but the margin of victory was not enough for them to retain the Services title, which went back into the hands of the Army on goal difference. Cartmell, from a short corner, and Powell scored the goals for the RAF in the first half.

There is no play in the men's national league today but everyone in the England women's squad, including the coach and the manager, must play a national league game, with five of them involved in the toughest match in the premier division as Ipswich take on Slough.

lpswich can take nothing for granted and must win to keep in touch with Hightown at the top of the table. Hightown take on Bracknell. the relegation favourites, and, for them, three points appear

Crow swoops on title leader

FOUR winners for Alastair chances on Howayman and today. Pip Jones, Alison Dare Crow at Wolverhampton last Sayin NowL Sunday helped the champion's cause in his attempt to retain the title. He is now five behind the leader. Andrew

Parker, who has 14 winners. Parker's cause has not been helped by the postponement for six days of tomorrow's Tranwell meeting. Also water-logged is today's Clifton-on-Teme fixture, which will now

be run tomorrow week, and tomorrow's Mid Devon card. Three rides at the Duke Of Buccleuch's fixture today could offer some consolation for Parker, who has winning

THUNDERER

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2.10 Indicator. 2.40 George Lane. 3.10 Change The Act. 3.45 Parsons Boy. 4.20 Deming Bridge. 4.55 Seymour Spy. 5.25 Dolce Notte.

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

Crow's hopefuls are engaged at the Bramham Moor and Curre meetings today and at the Flint & Denbigh tomorrow and the first aim is to find the easiest restricted race for

Pin Up Boy. Bringing a horse back after injury is always a challenge but Pin Up Boy's case is made special because he is owned by Pat Tollit, the third most successful woman rider in the sport's history with 171 winners. Polly Curling will draw level with Tollit's total if riding two winners at the Wilton and Jo Cumings are making a Jones rides Handsome Har- GOING: STANDARD vey at the Curre as the pair | DRAW: 6F-1M. LOW NUMBERS REST seek their thirteenth

successive win. TODAY'S MEETINGS: Bramham Moor, Wetherby, near the A1 (first race 12:30); Crawley & Horsham, Parham, Im SE of Pulcorough (1:30); Curre, Howick, 2m W ol Chopetow (12:30), Dute Of Buccleuch's, Friers Hauch, W ol Kelso (1:00); Easton-Harraers, Highern, Stn NE of Cotchester (1:00). Lameston, Riwordy, 1m N of Tavistock (1:00); South Wold, Merket Resen, 15m NW of Lincoln (2:00), WWI, Siddington, 2m S of Cremoster (1:30); Weston & Bernvell, Cothetsone, 2m N of Beshops Lydeard (1:00); Wilton, Budbury Rings, 4m W of Wimborne (1:00) TOMOFI-ROW: First & Dembigst, Eaton Hall, 4m S of Chester (12:30); South Herefords, Garmons, 8m W of Hereford (2:00).

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Smith record books ticket to Olympics

By Craig Lord

GRAEME SMITH, who cele-silver medal at the world brates his twentieth birthday next week, yesterday became the first Briton to break the eight-minute barrier for 800 metres freestyle on his way to a British record in the 1.500 metres and a place in the Great Britain team for the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

His times, of 7min 59.48sec at 800 metres and 15min 03.43sec at the full distance, are the fastest in the world this year and a tribute to Dave Calleja, the Stockport coach. Both men are aware, however. that the British Olympic trials at Ponds Forge in Sheffield, which end tomorrow, are only the second national trials, behind the United States, among leading swimming nations. The crucial times will come from Australia and Germany next month.

For now, Smith can enjoy a few weeks in the sun after defeating in devastating fashion Paul Palmer, 21, and Ian Wilson, 25, the man whose records he broke. Palmer, with 15min 18.60sec, will compete alongside Smith in Atlanta, but Wilson fell foul not only of the two-per-event limit, but the qualifying standard. His 15min 32.95sec showed he was was far from the form that saw him win a silver medal at the European championships in 1991 before suffering chronic fatigue syndrome in 1993. Wilson recovered to take the

short-course championships in December. However, the pace proved too much yesterday as Smith set out as he intended to continue, never surrendering the lead and always inside record pace. "I thought I'd have to get out

fast and set a British record, get under 15 minutes, just to make the team," Smith said. Only six swimmers had broken that barrier. Smith may have to do that to win a medal at Atlanta. While Palmer revealed as one of the secrets of his success a metronomic speed-setting device that he conceals under

his cap in training. Smith, born in Falkirk and raised in

Stockport, said "hard work" explained his pace. He also revealed that he takes creotine, a substance that increases muscle mass — "I've put a stone on in the past year," said a lean Smith - and he eats three times as much as the national average daily intake to help him swim more than 80km in training each

Neither Mark Foster nor Sarah Hardcastle were overly happy with their performances yesterday, though both qualified comfortably in events for which they will be outside medal hopes in Atlanta, respectively the 50m (22.74sec) and 800m freestyle (8min 38.27sec).

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Saturday portrait: Gary McAllister, by Kevin McCarra

Smooth operator who brings refinement to club and country

oing home is an exercise parallels seem shaky now, particuled McAllister to miscalculate his just time travel. When Gary larly since the Leeds captain has own value. When the moment McAllister, the captain of Leeds United and his country, returns to Scotland for an international match, the boyhood friends who ring up for tickets often refer to him as "wee man". The term hurls the six-footer back to his runty teenage years, before fulltime training stretched his frame.

The story of McAllister, who will direct Leeds's performance in the Coca-Cola Cup final against Aston Villa tomorrow, has been all about growth, "Gary will retire satisfied," Gordon Strachan, his predecessor as captain at Elland Road, said, "because he'll know he has got as much out of himself as he possibly could. He's never been

happy to stay just as he is." That striving is concealed by McAllister's style. Despite possessing the modern virtues of stamina and diligence, which can see him hurry an opponent into error, McAllister still looks like a throwback to an era when the game prized elegance. Head up and straight-backed, he may loft a precise long ball or clip the through-pass an instant before the gap in a defence closes.

His ralent, though, initially went unpestered and there were no scouts badgering for his signature as a boy. The Scotland youth caps went to others, who would mostly fail in football, while McAllister came closer to international recog-All the same, there was some smoothness in the process that took a Lanarkshire lad onto the books of the local club.

There, McAllister's height grew before his strength did and it teenagers permanently in need of a wall to lean on. Soon enough, however, he was helping to prop up Motherwell, for there are always line job prospects at a struggling club. Others could see that he did not belong in the midst

of such toil. His manager at Motherwell, Tommy McLean, flinches at the very idea of praise, yet McAllister drew from him, in 1985, a eulogy that made comparisons, in poten-

never shown the calibrated aggression of the Liverpool man, but some elements of the analogy still

Like Souness, there is a self-sufficiency about McAllister. "He likes to be one of the boys, and yet he's not one of the boys." Craig Brown, the Scotland manager. said of his captain. Perhaps it is the slight distance from the rest of the group that makes others follow him. He led his country for the first time in 1993, with Brown's faith in him so emphatic that a celebrated home-based player. Paul McStay, of Celtic, had the job taken from him.

Independence and its responsi-bilities were inherited early by McAllister. His mother died when he was eight and, with his father at

'You can imagine him having a mobile phone with him when he is on the pitch'

work, taking care of the house and looking after his younger brother, Craig, became routine duties. The habit of coping was established and a move to Leicester City in 1985, for £150,000, carried no risk of homesickness. McAllister, at 20, was ready to pursue his trade and the surroundings were incidental.

Filbert Street, however, proved a fortunate destination, particularly once David Pleat became manager there and improved McAllister's understanding of the where and when of midfield play. Footballers are famous for fending off advice, but he is greedy for knowledge. Gary is even better now than he

was when Leeds won the title in 1992." Strachan said, "because he has the capacity to keep on taking in more information about the game. He'll jump at any opportunity to learn and we even used to go and watch the youth matches

own value. When the moment came, in 1990, to leave Leicester, it was thought that he would sign for Nottingham Forest and the player himself was party to the presumption. A deal was in place, until the meeting that was supposed to

Clough, then the Forest manager, seemed to peeve both men. In his own account, McAllister says he

Clough's behaviour when the manager began to harangue a waiter who was making too much noise in gathering some spoons onto a tray. The following day, the declined. In this case, one can only conclude, player had interviewed manager and rejected his

footballers to exercise power, and

Wilkinson's call, agreeing to move to Elland Road in a £1 million deal. There, at least, an accord with the manager was easily reached and, two years later, Leeds won the old first division title, edging past Manchester United in the final days of the season. The principal strength of the team lay in midfield, where McAllister worked with Strachan, David Batty and

take over the captaincy from Strachan. It is not a titular position. "There is more involved in that job at Leeds than at other clubs," Strachan said. "Howard

The audience with Brian

was given a lengthy inventory of his fallings as a player, although these were graciously to be over-looked, since he could at least pass the ball. Whether this was candout or an attempt to establish dominance, it only antagonised the McAllister was then troubled by

transfer to the City Ground was application. Six years ago, it was unusual for

probably unprecedented for a man, at 25, to reject the invitation finally to join a leading club. It is such self-possession that leads Brown to view McAllister as a young executive: "You can imag-ine him having a mobile phone with him on the pitch." In 1990, he answered Howard

the then-precocious Gary Speed.

For McAllister, at least, progress at Elland Road has been fairly steady, and he went on to allows you a little closer to him



of his marriage, to Denise, in 1993 and sporting a plaster cast at the wedding was considerable. Little else has gone wrong for McAllister. The gradual develop-McAllister appears at ease with

ment of his career brought him to prominence a little too late to permit the move to Italian football he would love to have made. His measured progress in football, however, seems to imply longevity and his contract with Leeds lasts until 1999. The club is thought to grin at breaking an arm on the eve have brushed aside inquiries for

The content of his future at Elland Road, however, is particularly hard to discern. Since the title was won in 1992, English football has changed, but Leeds have not. Or, at least, not sufficiently, Before the FA Cup quarter-final replay against Liverpool at Antield on Wednesday, Wilkinson said he did not want to see his side congratulated for attractive play in a defeat. Leeds lost 3-0 anyway, and

received no praise at all. The problem with their utilitarian style is that it is not utilitarian at all. It does not work these days. If the club, no matter the result tomorrow, is to evolve, however, McAllister's refined presence will be crucial. On meeting him in 1990, Clough looked at the player's cowboy boots and asked if he was related to John Wayne. Well, there is no holster and no drawl, but McAllister, too, can champion a



THE TIMES MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

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isits, it's a full-time job."

his many roles. The thinning hair

and those features marked by

thoughtfulness only add to the

impression of maturity. On occa-

sions when events slip beyond his control, the effect is, in his case,

particularly outlandish. His cha-

Undontified scenes at Highbury the last brie these teams met. In the Coce-Cole Cup quester-finals in Jerusny, with Bruse Floch and Terry McDermott indulging in handbage at ten paces after Gloobs had been sent off. Floch he placeder with the been sent off. Floch he placeder within, and it is hope that the players keep their treads, too, with an much at stake. Arsent continue their quest for Europe, all without Aderrs, while Neventhalaberry to put daylight between themsetive and Manchester United.

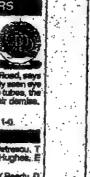
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CHELSEA v QUEENS PARK RANGERS It has not to a sed stage when clubs start a lug of wer over Marit Hateley, 34, the once England intermetional striker, once Gleanger Rangers superster and sow London Rangers reject — well, almost. Terry Ferrerick, of Portamouth, says he wants to buy Hetaley if he can raise the money; Ray Wiffers, of Loffus Road, says he is not teawing, even though he and Hateley have not exactly seen eye to eye moently. Another sorry sage as Rangers go down the tubes, the delict to Starnford Bridge today probably retrieval marity their demise.

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Hotiges, of Everton, has returned from a trip to his native Switzerland, where he got mented, while Holdsworth, of Wissibledon, is also back in consention after the liese sociling diversion of days on the treatment table recovering from an askle injury. How the Cristy Gang could have done with him is bortog a tew more this season, even it Sem Hammem, his chairman, her not yet produced the Ferrari he promised if Holdsworth reached 15 goals. Pay up, Sem. LAST SEASON: Everton O'Wimbledon 0. 10-YEAR RECORD: -, 30, 22, 1-1, 1-1, 1-2, 20, 3-0, 3-2, 0-0. EVERTON (from): N Southell, M Hottiger, D Wetson, C Short, A Hincholiffe, A Kenchelekie, B Home, J Ebbrell, A Limper, G Stuert, D Perguson, D Amokachi, P Rideout, G Allen, A Grant.
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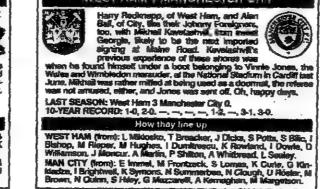
MANCHESTER UNITED V TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR Wot no Cole? Alex Ferguson has finally lost passence with Andy Cole, who cost 27 million when Kevin Keegan stunned the Georgie hordes and let him go last season.

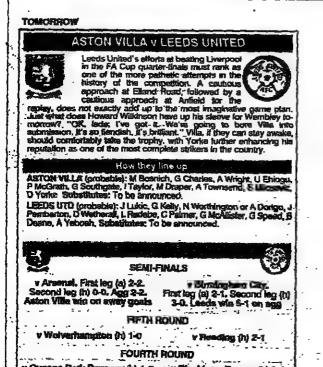
Ever been had, Alex? Paut Scholes hardly gets a look-in at Old Trafford these days, despite 13 goals, but is flively to send Cole scuttling back on to the aubstitutes' bench. Must win scenario for United, they cannot allow Newcostle to get too far ahead again. Must-at-least-not-lose situation for Tatanham, if they hope to play in Europe next season.

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NOTTINGHAM FOREST v LIVERPOOL Forest got burnt, badly, in midweek, with Bayern Murich absorbing Initial pressure and then botuncing back with five goals. A state ignoremious way to set from the usual anguish about the state of English football compared to those brillient Johrny Foreigners who always win, never lose, and size, to a man, magnificently gifted. What would have been said if Forest had nicked an early goal and hung on? Liverpool, those brillient Johrny Englishmen, visit the City Ground today. LAST SEASON: Nottingham Forest 1 Liverpool 1, 10-YEAR RECORD: 1-1, 1-1, 2-1, 2-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-1, 1-0, -, 1-1. The first way AND E ALE How they line up NOTTM FOREST (from): M Crossley, D Little, S Pearce, C Cooper, S Cheffle, C Bart-Williams, S Stone, D Phillips, S Germill, B Roy, K Campbell, I Woan, J Lee, A Sitenzi, P McGregor, C Allen, S Howe. LIVERPOOL (from): D James, J McAtex, J Scales, N Ruddock, M Wright, R Jones, D Matter, M Kernedy, S McMaraman, J Barnes, J Recknepp, M Thomas, R Fowler, S Collymore, I Rush, A Warner.





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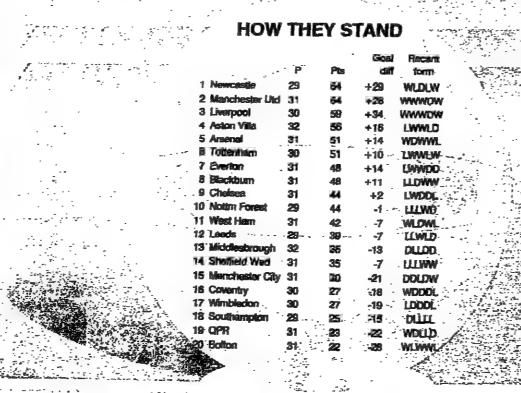
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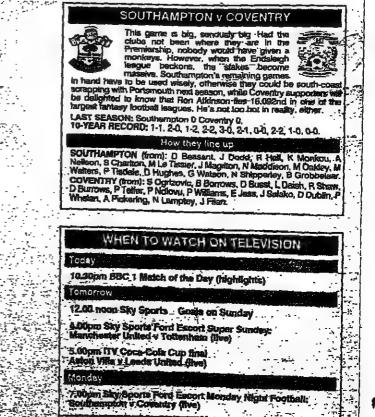
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Coca-Cola Cup final provides stage for Villa forward to win over the doubters Milosevic glimpses chance to strike back Russell Kempson says the target of a

IN EDMONTON

Nightmare

for Cousins

as Eldredge

glides to

gold medal

FOR Todd Eldredge, of the United States, it was an evening of triumph and euphoria. for Steven Cousins, of Britain, a nightmare experi-ence which will stay with him for a long time.

Eldredge won the free skating section of the ice skating world championships and with it the gold medal. Cousins, disaster following upon disaster until his presence on the ice was nothing short of an embarrassment plunged to eighteenth place in the final and to fifteenth place overall. after having secured fifth place in the short programme on Wednesday.
"Steven's in a state of

shock," Doug Leigh, his Canadian coach, said, "and I'd appreciate it if you'd give him some space." (Not that we had any intention of intruding upon private grief.)

Calamity came early, Cousins fell heavily on his opening jump, a triple axel. That could happen to anyone, but after a triple salchow, there followed a double lutz rather than a triple, a fall on the triple flip. not even a double axel, only a double loop ... but why go on? There was a second triple towards the end, but by then eyes were on the clock, willing it round to 4min 30sec.

Leigh could not explain what had gone wrong. "I wish I had a crystal ball." he said. Steven can normally do that programme in his sleep, but something just shut down."

By contrast, the Britain No 2 Neil Wilson, at 17 six years Cousins's junior. opened the evening with a programme of elegant lines. clean edges, stunning spins and four triple jumps, all perfectly attuned to the music of Chopin and Meyerbeer.

Cousins's failure means that Britain will be allowed only one entry next year, so there are the makings of a fascinating confrontation between the two at the British championships next season.

Eldredge, 24, owed his success over Ilia Kulik, the overnight leader, to his superior jumping skills, for he is not the ice presence of the ear-old Russian.

Otherwise, the evening belonged to the local hero, Elvis Stojko, winner of the title in another member of Leigh's stable. A fall had left him in seventh place after the short orogramme and with little hope of any sort of medal.

in the final, though, he had 17,000 spectators in the Edmonton Coliseum in ecstasy

t Villa Park, half an hour before kick-off, the gnalposts are moved a few feet sideways. It is a simple ploy to protect the pitch, as the teams warm up. but it still temporarily bewildered the quizzical prolooker. "I suppose that's for Savo," he said, eventually, his voice laced with sarcasm. His

crowd's gibes aims to come up smiling

friends laughed, immediately grasping the joke. It is a constant theme this season. Is Savo Milosevic, the Aston Villa forward, no more than a costly mistake? A 43.5 million summer signing, from Partizan Belgrade, who could not hit a barn door at ten paces. Or is the

amiable Serb settling in steadily and promising promising riches for the future? All left fout, perhaps, but plenty of scope for At Wembley to-

morrow, when Vil-la take on Leeds United in the Coca-Cola Cup final, he will attempt to silence his most voluble critics. Those who mock his hunched, lumbering style: those who jeer when his 6ft lin. 13st 4lb frame tumbles

too frequently in the apposi-

tion penalty area; and those

who wonder why he appears to be loathing every minute of "The young man obviously has ability," Brian Clough said, when questioned about Milosevic's initial impact in England. "You only have to look at some of the neat things he does to realise that." Praise indeed. Old Big Ead can be the most scathing of judges.

Typically, though, the sting is not far away. "He doesn't give the impression of someone who is playing with confidence." Clough contin-ued. "You can tell that from his body language." If an opponent takes the ball off him, or a decision goes against him, his shoulders drop - and so does his head.

'It wouldn't do him any harm to smile a bit more. If he did that, instead of looking so forlorn, he would start to enjoy his football more. At least it would give a more positive impression and help him psychologically." At home in Byeljina, near

Belgrade, Milosevic, 22, had he amassed 79 guals for Partizan in three seasons, and has scored four

times for Yugosla-via in seven ap-'It was a big pearances, the war change for was never far him, the culture and pick up a rifle and the football' that's it. It's nice to

> first, strange. He spoke little English, relied on an interprefer and was holed up in a hotel. The delights of Birmingham and the FA Carling Premiership were passing him by, swiftly, and his promise of a 25-goal season began to look embarrassingly empty. "It was a big change for him, the culture and the football," Gareth Southgate,

his Villa team-mate, said.
"We played a pre-season friendly against West Bromwich Albion and they kicked him to pieces. They decided they were going to show this young foreign lad what it was all about and they did. It was a tough welcome, the short, sharp, shock

"He has done well, though. He is getting used to the pace,



Milosevic, whose return of 12 goals since joining Aston Villa has failed to convince supporters of his worth

he is adjusting and has got a good touch for a big man. Maybe he tries too hard sometimes, and hangs on to the ball too long, but you can see the confidence ooze through him when he scores a

Sasa Curcic, the Bolton Wanderers midfield player and a former colleague of Milosevic at Partizan, is equally upbeat, "It's not been

strongest leagues in Europe, but I believe he and Dwight Yorke will become the best striking partnership in the Premiership," he said. "Savo's almost impossible to mark, like Alan Shearer. He was ry good business for Villa."

After eight months, 41 matches and 12 goals, Milosevic is feeling more acclimatised. He and his girlfriend, Vesna, a model, have

Coldfield, he speaks passable English and the translator has disappeared. And he now smiles, often. His brother, Miso, 21, is travelling from Belgrade to watch

"I'm very excited," Milosevic said. "It is difficult to explain but it is like a dream. I never expected this when I came here and every game is still an experience for me. I've learnt a lot, from

Dwight and all the players, and I feel I'm settling in at last. "I'm a little disappointed with my goalscoring but 12 is good for now. The English game is so much harder. I'm quite pleased with my general play but I know I can do better. The supporters have been great and it would be

nice to score the winning goal at Wembley, yes?" Moving the goalposts may not be neces-sary after all.

Smith gets chance to measure Bradford's rebuilding

By Christopher Invine

SOME things at Odsal stay the same. In the bowels of the natural amphitheatre, two osts poked out above the fog. Brian Smith cannot alter the vagaries of the Yorkshire climate, but almost everything else at Bradford Bulls rugby league club, including the name has changed. The Australian has been

coach and chief executive for seven months. Wearing both hats, he drew a graph measuring team performance and income growth. The two lines are on steady inclines ahead of today's Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final meeting with Leeds at Huddersfield.

Bradford Northern stood for stolid, unchanging values. its transformation to Bulls was initially damned. A new face and a fresh team is date with St Helens on April 27 would put the reconstruc-

tion well ahead of schedule.
"We've had a charmed run
to the semis, unlike Leeds, and no one is more surprised to find ourselves in this position than me," Smith said. "In terms of overall readiness, perhaps we aren't ready, but we're here, and although I find it a scary concept, try telling that to the players." Smith, 42, would not rate defeat by Leeds as a signifi-

cant setback, as the changes more than 30 players have come and gone — are directed towards Super League starting next week. The cup run has been a bonus for a young

side still getting acquainted.
Robbie Paul, 20, the club captain and brother of Wigan's Henry, is one of the few pre-Smith players left at Odsal. "Bradford's idea of a youth policy was to sign someone of 24. It was an aged side but the sale of Paul Newlove to St Helens; enabled us to change that and build strength in depth. That deal also got us fine players in Nickle, Loughlin and Dwyer, and a piggy-bank to fund four more deals and two more in the pipeline," Smith said.

but half of them have Wembley experience, and logic dictates they should win. But if Bradford can cause an upset, the pointers on Smith's graph will surely take off.

The Australian Rugby LEASUE Won a lemb junction yesterday to stop 311 rebel players signing up to a proposed Global League. The restraint order also applies to Maurice Lindsay, chief executive of the Rugby Football

Leeds, too, are a young side,

short on either side and we've pointed manager before the start of last season. Hyde have, Hartley said, "played II got a minimum-width pitch. To make the extra space we solid core of experience.

Hyde seeking to turf out Trophy rivals

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

HYDE United approach the task of tackling Stevenage Borough, the Vauxhall Conference leaders, in the quarterfinals of the FA Umbro Trophy today at Ewen Fields, in impressive form of their own Bamber Bridge, the long-time UniBond League leaders.

As with Stevenage and their hopes of a place in the Endsleigh Insurance League, so winning the title will not put Hyde in the running for pro-Steve Hartley, the Hyde chairman, said: "We can't go up at the moment because the distance from the perimeter fence to the pitch is about 12 metres

will have to move back into a schoolyard, take back terracing and floodlights, and relay and relevel the pitch. The to the Football Trust for a grant. As it is for essential safety work, we hope it will be The work will follow the

operation last summer that brought the end to ten years of using an artificial pitch. Hartley said: "Our record at home, where we've lost only

once, puts the lie to taunts that we were only a 'plastic team'." Under Mike McKenzie, ap-

or 12 games against Confertwice". One of those defeats was in the Trophy semi-finals first leg 2-0 away to Kidderminster Harriers and were unable to overhaul them, despite a I-O home win. Three weeks ago, Hyde sold

dra for £50,000, but still have capped by the England semi-

with 27 goals to his credit. Arthur Williams, twice goalkeeper for losing Runcorn sides at Wembley, Billy Garton and Gus Wilson add a

A 2,000 all-ticket crowd will be at the Moat Ground to see if Gresley Rovers can overcome Gloucester City, who were under the guidance of Leroy Rosenoir as player-manager after the acrimonious departure of John Murphy, brought the record of Gresley's management partnership of Paul Futcher and Garry Birtles, his assistant, to just three defeats

Toshack's team get difficult cup draw JOHN TOSHACK, the former Saint-Germain. Feyenoord,

Wales striker and, albeit for 47 days only, their manager, con-firmed his reputation as one of the leading coaches in Europe when he guided Deportivo La Coruña to the last four in the Cup Winners' Cup on Wednated their Spanish league rivals, Real Zaragoza, will be making their first appearance at this stage of a European football competition.

Toshack's reward, though, was less than kind. In the semi-final draw yesterday, Deportivo were paired with

who are in their sixth European semi-final, meet the 1985 beaten finalists. Rapid The Uefa Cup semi-finals

will see two former European Cup winners, Bayern Munich deaux or Slavia Prague. Bay-Forest 7-2 on aggregate in the last round, are at home in the

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Yeboah and Yorke can put fizz into Coca-Cola Cup final

Leading men set to sparkle

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Coca-Cola Cup might not be the real thing but so long as nobody tells Tony Yeboah or Dwight Yorke, there is the mouthwatering prospect of some memorable moments when Leeds United meet Aston Villa in the final at

Yeboah, out of Africa, and Yorke, from the Caribbean, are representatives of the foreign legion, imports who this winter have finally put an end to the nonsense that English football is so fast and so committed that overseas players could never cope with it.

Cope? They lift it, separate it from the norm, transcend the safety-first aspects and the physical aggression of the culde-sac down which so many English teams have been led. Yeboah has a hunger, a quite awesome physical and acrobatic approach to goalscoring, that even if this is the only full season we get out of him, we will remember him. Yorke has grown on English minds more slowly, has come to bewitch us

Smooth McAllister Match guide .. Milosevie's target

with a style every bit as open as his Tobagan smile, and at last to release flair of his own that, 22 times so far this season, defences have not been able to plot against.

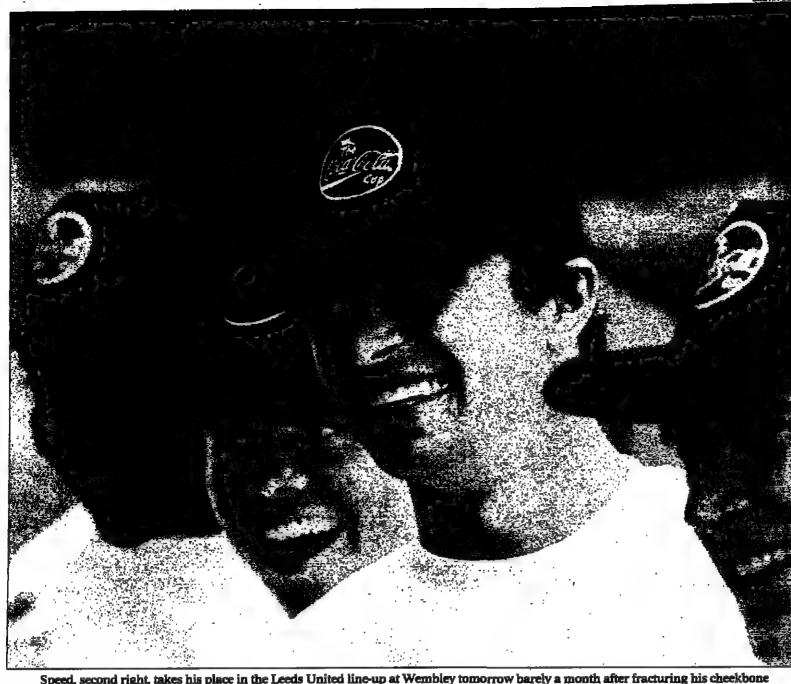
They are, of course, individuals in a team game, but why them to this country to try to make them scuffle, as so many home-bred_players all too readily do? The sight, recently, in two wretchedly barren games, of Leeds being so fearful of Liverpool that they tried simply to negate them.

was terrible. Yeboah, instead of lurking, waiting for his phenomenal match-winning moments, was seen scurrying around the pitch, sometimes almost in the right-back position, not only wasted but wasteful because he simply has not the education to tackle properly. And yet, throw him up in the air at the other end of the field. watch him raise his body horizontal to the ground and lift either foot to score over his own head, and you have the quintessential athlete towards which a multimillion-pound

game should aspire.

He is outscored, so far this season, by Yorke simply because Yeboah, who now has exactly 100 goals in 176 ap-pearances for Eintracht Frankfurt and Leeds, was absent for eight matches, on duty with Ghana in the African Nations' Cup. Leeds won just once in those eight matches, such is his talismanic presence among them.

Of course there is much that goes into teamwork behind them. In midfield there is the battle of wiles between Andy Townsend and Gary



Speed, second right, takes his place in the Leeds United line-up at Wembley tomorrow barely a month after fracturing his cheekbone

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McAllister. There is the stealth and bravery of Gary Speed. who is back barely one month after fracturing his cheekbone. And, in the three-man de-

fences which these teams are both likely to deploy, Gareth Southgate has apparently won his fitness battle and will play two weeks after damaging ankle ligaments. Alongside him, Paul McGrath, a graduate of the hard school of football apprenticeships, loses nothing in application or footballing intelligence to Leeds's David Wetherall, who is an honours graduate in chemistry. Finally, behind all of them, stand Mark Bosnich and John Lukic, men with among the safest hands in the

goalkeeping profession.

And yet, one comes again and again in analysis to the almost hypnotic parts that Yeboah and Yorke might conjure up. They have big sup-porting players — for Leeds Brian Deane, and for Villa Savo Milosevic - men who, if only they can believe in their talents, would surely be greater names in our game.

Perhaps Deane, a student of the foreign game, sums it up

best: "He [Yeboah] is different to anyone I've ever played with. If you watch his close control and technique, it's definitely of a different

may, by 1998 or sooner, take those talents back to Africa, where, after the dream of playing at Wembley, he hopes

HOWARD WILKINSON, the

Leeds United manager, visits Wembley tomorrow with more than £100,000 in prize-

money and a place in next season's Uefa Cup riding on

the outcome. He has, it seems,

the future of his expensively-

Wilkinson has based his

team-building plans around

two foreign imports, Tony Yeboah and Tomas Brolin, who cost a combined £8 mil-

lion in transfer fees. The bluff-

talking northerner gambled

on such a massive outlay to

bring success to Elland Road.

Now he must gamble on

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assembled side at stake.

servant father schooled him. If, tomorrow, there is to be fulfilment for him, and enjoyment for us, then the two managers, Howard Wilkinson and Brian Little, will have to encourage the game to flow.

They are both more than capable of squeezing the game", that horrible euphemism for the dreadful nega-

retain their services.

Yeboah joined Leeds barely

a year ago and Brolin arrived

in November, and yet both

players have indicated that

they will seriously consider

their long-term future in Eng-lish football should Leeds fail

to win tomorrow. Both players

are keen to continue playing in

European competition, and with the Coca-Cola Cup now

the only remaining route to

the continent for their club.

then it will be a very, very difficult situation for me."

"If Leeds are not in Europe

success is imperative.

fence. It comes from fear, but surely Wilkinson does not fear Aston Villa in quite the way he feared Liverpool in the FA

Wilkinson's own demean-

our brightened perceptively when his club won through to Wembley for the first time in 23 years. "You start off as a kid wanting to play in a cup final,

Wilkinson banks on imports victory in this one game to Yeboah said. "I will retire in two or three years' time, and I

need to be playing at the very top until then. I would have to consider my position carefully if we don't qualify, because it is very, very important for me to be playing in European Brolin echoed those convic-

tions. "I will speak about my future after the last game of the season, but it is fair to say that it would be easier for me to say yes to staying if Leeds qualify for Europe. Every player wants to play in Europe; it is an important

manager wanting to take a team to a cup final," Wilkinson enthused. Please, Howard, let that enthusiasm rise in your soul this weekend

He must remember his own roots when, as a miner's son in South Yorkshire, he fell in love with football the day he joined a group around a nine-inch television set owned by one of the neighbours and was be-witched by Stanley Matthews in the 1953 FA Cup Final. Wilkinson has, if he dares to use them, a couple of wingers up his sleeve.

He does not wholly seem to trust Rod Wallace and, if not, then he has the developing talent of Andy Gray, 18. But, then again. Wilkinson has also to try to trust Tomas Brolin, a half-fit Swede for whom he paid a reported £4.5 million and who, at best, is likely to rise off the substitutes' bench to add his talent to the Leeds effort.

It is intriguing, a final between equals, where the managers' throw of a dice, the daring to send on a quality player, could be both decisive and beautiful.

Illingworth to carry on as **Graveney bows** to pressure

NOT for the first time this year, English cricket exposed itself to the highest farce yesterday, although this time the Carry On capers were entirely off the field. Only 24 hours after being formally confirmed as a candidate for the position of chairman of selectors, David Graveney bowed to pressure from the Cricketers' Association, the players' union of which he is general secretary, and with-drew his nomination.

Graveney entered the election against Raymond Illingworth, who has been chair-man since 1994, with assur-ances that there would not be a conflict of interest over him taking on the two roles, but that was not the opinion of some counties, nor, more important, of the association's executive, in the form of Tim Curtis and Jack Bannister, respectively chairman and president.

They anticipated insur-mountable difficulties in Graveney acting as servant and master to the players, and dealing with the media on two fronts. They also doubted whether there would be time for him to perform both jobs satisfactorily.
The executive presented him

with an ultimatum to chose between the jobs. After lengthy telephone calls across the Atlantic, Graveney, who is holidaying in Florida, opted to continue his full-time job with the association, although with obvious reluctance, and without conceding that he shared the executive's views.

"As a paid employee of the Cricketers' Association, I accept the instruction of the president and the chairman." a statement from Graveney read. "I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Warwickshire and Surrey for nominating me and to any other counties who might have supported me.

"I apologise for any distress this decision may have caused to them or any other party. It has always been my wish to serve the game to the best of my ability and I shall continue to do this in the future." Graveney became the Crick-

eters' Association's first fulltime employee in 1994, and an England selector last year. His dual commitments had caused concern before, especially when he became involved in the complaints of mistreatment made by Devon Malcolm, a player whom he had a duty to represent, against

Illingworth, a fellow selector. The indications were that Graveney would have run Illingworth very close, if not actually beaten him, in the vote, the result of which was to have been announced on Tuesday. Now, with the deadline for nominations having passed, a vote is unnecessary. and Illingworth will remain chairman for a third year, to the immense frustration of his opponents.

We're devastated that there will not now be an election," Paul Sheldon, the chief executive of Surrey, said, "We felt David was the right man at the right time. Our philosophy was that a younger generation must now come forward and we support the backing that Mike Gatting and David Gower had given to Graveney. Even in the brief period that he was a candidate, there was a growing base of support for David Graveney and all the indications were that it would be a close vote.

There will be great dissatisfaction that the status quo is to be preserved. With no election now possible, the counties are effectively voting for no change in the way the Eng-land team is run and in the state of English cricket. That is



Illingworth: unopposed

Graveney, who agreed to stand when John Barciay, Illingworth's assistant during the winter, declined invitations from counties to put himself up against the chairman, had proposed in h manifesto a series of radical changes to the way that the England team was run, though there was some doubt as to whether he would be able to implement these immediately had he won.

Much of Illingworth's likely support came from those counties which felt that the status quo ought to be maintained until the results of an ongoing inquiry - chaired by David Actield - into all aspects of the management of the England team are published later this year.

Having retained one job, Illingworth must now wait until Tuesday to see whether he will hold onto another. The Test and County Cricket Board executive committee will then review England's unhappy winter and Illingworth's position as team manager, a post he has said that he wants to relinquish in September come what may.

Curle fined and warned after disrepute hearing

By DAVID MADDOCK

KEITH CURLE, the Manchester City captain, was fined £500 by the Football Association yesterday. and warned as to his future conduct, after admitting his guilt over a disrepute charge brought when he used foul and abusive language against Paul Alcock, the FA Carling Premiership referee. The incident occurred immediately after City's game with Everton in February, which Everton won 2-0.

"I'm glad it's over because it has been very embarrassing." Curle said. "I've never been before the FA

facing two in a week. I pleaded guilty but asked for my record to be

early next week to hear charges Asprilla, the Newcastle United forward, after two incidents involving the pair during a Premiership match last month. "I don't know if I will be pleading guilty." Curle said. "To be honest, I don't fully understand what it is they are

taken into account."

Curle might not be as fortunate with his second appearance at Lancaster Gate. A date will be set brought against him and Faustino charging me with.~

Ray Harford, the Blackburn

pleted the signing of Garry Flitcroft from Manchester City for 13 million. He then predicted a bright future for the midfield player.

"I first worked with Garry 212 years ago with the England under-21s and I was impressed," Harford said. "He is a complete midfield player and I like midfield players who can score goals."
Flitcroft said: "I'm 23 and I've

been fighting relegation for three years. I've seen players I was with in the England under-21s go on and I think I've stood still. Now, I hope, by coming to Blackburn, I

Genoa, the Italian Serie B club, has denied reports that it is the mystery buyer of the 34 per cent shareholding in Norwich City held by Robert Chase, the chairman.

Aldo Spinelli, the Genoa president, said: "I had an offer to take over a major quota in Norwich, an investment of £6 million. I know the people, and love the city, but I have declined for the moment."

Chase announced on Thursday that he had agreed to sell his holding, after ten years at the club. but he declined to identify the purchasers. The sale is subject to an independent audit of the Norwich accounts.



Flitcroft: bright future

Modahl clearance may follow IAAF meeting

DIANE MODAHL may receive full international clearance of a drugs offence in the next three days, as the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) council meets in Cape Town tomorrow and Monday with her case on its agenda (David Powell writes). If the IAAF has good news for Modahl, it had none yesterday for the British Athletic Federation (BAF), refusing to offer it financial support towards the defence of a High Court action in which Modahl is suing the BAF for

A source inside the IAAF sug-gested yesterday that Modahl should have grounds for optimism because the council would hardly be studying the case now had its expert advisers on drugs not been impressed by new evidence. Modahl was sent home from the Commonwealth Games 19 months ago after failing a drugs test taken nine weeks earlier. A BAF appeals panel cleared her last July after an earlier BAF hearing had found her

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WHY WE WANT TO BE ALONE



by Lynne Truss

no sit-coms set in a single-person household. Tony Hancock did The Bedsitter in the early 1960s, and jolly good it was too, but as a dramatic genre the SPH never really took off. It's the absence of interaction that's the problem. People living on their own may occasionally slap their knees and say aloud "Cup of tea time!" or "Damn, missed The Archers!" but it doesn't make such good domestic drama as squabbling over who takes out the bins, or establishing which lousy varmint finished off the marmalade without saying.

Anyway, this is my theory, like it or not: that because the single household is rarely

Anyway, this is my theory, like it or not: that because the single household is rarely given the affirmation of the screen role model, non-singles assume it must be weird or sad or awful, and consequently have no idea what they're missing. In the film Batman Returns, frowzy single-householder Michelle Pfeiffer flings open the door of her lonely flat, kicks off her shoes and yells optimistically "Hi honey, I'm home!" and then slumps against the wall sighing, "Oh I'l forgot, I'm not married". That's the general picture of what it's like, and it's a wicked lie. But now a fine new Marketing Intelligence.

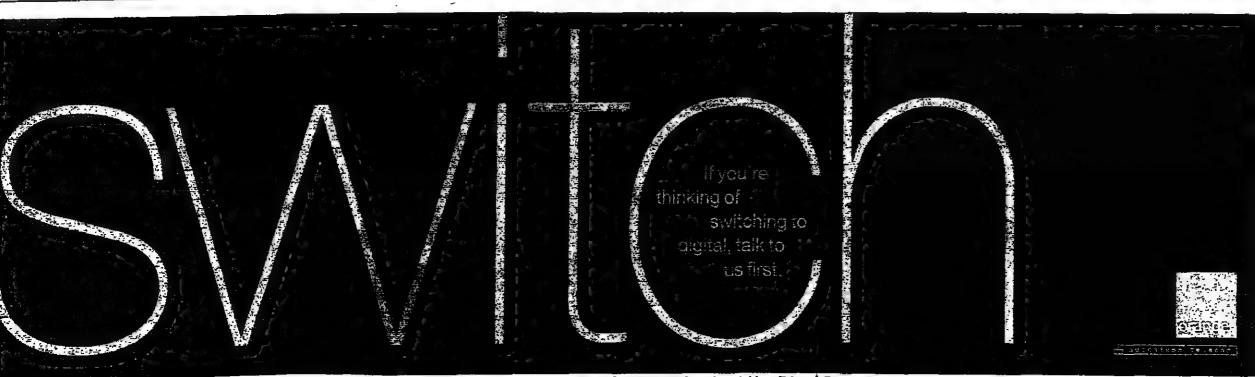
But now a fine new Marketing Intelligence. (Mintel) survey (Single Person Housekolds: getting younger, richer and happier) has discovered that the single household is a positive place, where people chuck about upbeat words like "freedom" and "achievement". Glad to know it's official at last, and that products will soon be aimed at those of us who can buy things on a whim without involving anybody else. In my experience, people who live alone consult their own wishes, and if this also means they pick their feet and talk for hours on the phone, who cares? They eat home-delivery pizzas without shame, straight from the box. They get lots of undisturbed sleep, and don't waste time arguing about bins or marmalade. They have the remote control in their own hands. Once I installed a catflap all by myself, and the sense of achievement I experienced was extraordinary: it was better than publishing a novel.

shall temper the evangelical tone, but only with difficulty, for once you have achieved happiness in the single state, you hear words like "selfish" and weird" levelled against you, and have no idea what's meant by it, save envy. It's true that single people are often excluded from the dinner party circuit, which is hurtful; but it is wrong to assume that hostesses are worried about losing their husbands to the rogue female in the low-cut top and the big lipstick. Single people make couples nervous because they are free spirits, who have kicked away the ladder of dependence. When the marital bickering starts, single people shake their heads and say Ooh-tut-tut-tut. Like Freddie the dolphin, they made an adult decision to spend more time away from their family. "Selfish" has no meaning whatever in this context.

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And as for "weird", this accusation is easily parried. "You'll get weird," your couplesome friends warn you. "You'll get set in your ways and only buy the one sort of yoghurt, and wear pyjamas all day on Sunday." But when you ask these critics outright, "Do you ever call each other Bunny Wunny in funny voices when you're at home?" they get shifty and snap, "What's that got to do with anything?" And then you've got them, because there's

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MUSEUMS

John Russell Taylor

VASES AND VOLCANOES SIT William Hamilton has never had a good press, but then when did a complaisant husband or member of an enforced menage à trois? However, as the British Museum's spectacular new spring exhibition vividly demonstrates, history has played Hamilton false by allowing him in primarily as Lady Hamilton's other quarter. He was an influential diplomat and, more importantly, an obsessed collector. Moreover, he was stationed in Naples for 35 years during the gradual excavation of Pompeii and Herculaneum, so that he was on the spot for some of the most spectacular hauls. Unfortunately, he was so obsessed that he kept bankrupting himself and had to sell most of his collections (notably one of the greatest ever of painted Greek vases). All this is chronicled, with objects and copies of Hamilton's publications. Nor are the decadent Court of Naples and Emma, whom he surely collected as a beautiful object, forgotten. British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WCI (0171-636 1555). Mon-Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun 2.30-6pm, until July 14. Admission

£3.50, concessions £2 Arts, page 21, Section One

HAREWOOD HOUSE MAS-TERPIECES Edward Viscount Lascelles was one of the great patrons of the early 19th century, collecting art in the first heyday of such great watercolourists as Turner. Thomas Girtin and John Varley, all of whom made numerous paintings and drawings of the house and the estate. Though the collection was largely dispersed after the viscount's death, the family has succeeded in buying back a lot of what was lost, and the result, on display here, is a collection of national importance. There is also evidence that the collecting persisted among his descendants, because there are fine Samuel Palmers and excellent examples of Victorian watercolour art, including some by the queen herself. Harewood House, Leeds (0113 288 6331). Daily, Ham-4.30pm, until June. Admission Eó, concessions

> DANCE John Percival

ENGLISH NATIONAL BAL-LET Today is the last chance to see Derek Deane's colourful new stag-



Lisa Pavane as Cinderella

ing of Alice in Wonderland and Sue Blaine's wonderful designs. Next week brings two further programmes, both also new here. Michael Corder has produced a new Cinderella (Monday to Wed-

nesday) using a more complete version of the Prokofiev score than we often hear. From Thursday comes Deane's interpretation of Giselle, together with Balanchine's Square Dance, a bravura mixture of folksy charm and classic display. London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (0171-632 8300). 7.30pm; matinees Sat. 2.30pm. until March 30 (except Sunday).

SCOTTISH BALLET The programme now on tour is the best the company has shown for quite a time, combining tradition and creation at a high level. What could be more apt for Scotland's national company than La Sylphide, the romantic classic in which a Scottish farmer Joses bride and fortune for love of a mysterious creature from the glen? Complementing this is Mark Baldwin's new ballet Ae Fond Kiss, which takes its title from Burns's poem and its inspiration from some of Stravinsky's most attractive ballet music, The Divertimento from Le Baiser de la Fée based on melodies borrowed from Tchaikovsky.

Edinburgh Festival Theatre, Edinburgh (0141-529 6000), today 2pm and 7.30pm; His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen (01224 641122). Tues-Sat; Eden Court Theatre, Inverness (01463 234234), April 3 to 6: Theatre Royal, Newcastle (0191 232 2061), April 9-13; New Theatre, Hull (01482 226655), April 6-20.

GALLERIES

Richard Cork

JEFF WALL An outstanding exhibition by an artist based in Vancouver, who works miracles with backlit transparencies. All mounted in aluminium lightboxes, Wall's images command an extraordinary range of moods and subjects. At his most disturbing he shows butchered Soviet soldiers rising from the dead on an Afghanistan battlefield. At his most serene he photographs the Canadian landscape with an eye for its mountainous magnificence. But he also finds disquiet in the countryside, especially when two riflemen pursue an undisclosed quarry in scrubland. Wall's use of the camera is often masterly, and always informed by a profound response to the history of Western painting.

Whitechapel Art Gallery, White-chapel Road, London El (0171-522 7878), until May 5.

VISUAL ARTS UK Launching an ambitious programme of exhibitions throughout the year, the North East presents recent purchases by three national collecting bodies. In Sunderland, art and craft acquisitions by the Contempodisplayed in the Sunderland Museum and the Reg Vardy Gallery at the University. The variety and quality of purchases are impressive, from Bridget Riley to Steven Pippin. In Newcastle, at the University's Hatton Gallery, the Arts Council's recent acquisitions make an equally lively display. Ranging from a disturbing cage structure by Damien Hirst to quiet, lightbox photographs of the Arts Council buyers by Catherine Yass, the show introduces visitors to some of the finest contemporary British art. So do the Tate Gallery's purchases at the Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle, where works by Anish Kapoor, Frank Auerbach and many others culminate in a spectacular installation by Cornelia Parker: the reassembled fragments of a shed. blown up in a controlled explosion by the British Army.

Sunderland Museum (0191-565 0723) and Reg Vardy Gallery. Sunderland University (0191-515 2000): Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University (0191-222 6057): Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle upon Tyne (0191-232 7734), until April 13.



Geoff Brown

TOY STORY (PG) The first feature cartoon generated entirely by computers is not just a dazzling technical achievement John Lasseter's movie, produced for Disney. also packs an emotional punch. and is smart enough to appeal both to children and adults. Tom Hanks's Everyman voice is just right for the hero Woody, a cowboy marionette whose position as his owner's favourite toy is threatened by the gung-ho Buzz Lightyear. a flashy action figure (voiced by Tim Allen). Deep inside the story is a parable about belonging and friendship; the surface gleams with

thrills and spills. Odeon Leicester Square (01426 9156331.

visual delights, chases, comedy,

NIXON (15) Anthony Hopkins never captures Richard Nixon's looks, but Oliver Stone's surprisingly understanding portrait allows him to bring out the man's vices and virtues. The treatment of Nixon's Quaker upbringing and his relationship with his wife Par

gains by juggling too hard with the pace for a dull final hour about Watergate. Among other impersonations, the best are James Woods' Haldeman and J.T. Walsh's Ehrlichman; the worst is Bob Hoskins's openly gay J. Edgar

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> THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

THE CHANGING ROOM David Storey's rugby-league play, first staged in 1971, more than merits its place in the Royal Court's season of "classics in the West End". What might at first seem the real action, a crunch match, occurs offstage. And what we see as the

players gather before the game,

tumble inside at half-time and

prepare to go home has an under-

though Stone forfeits much of his rey and James Macdonald's fine cast quietly sketch in lives and microcosm of a changing world where fulfilment is rare and camaraderie precarious.

Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat. 7.30pm; matinees. Thurs and Sat. 3pm. until Sat 30.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND The received wisdom is that - The Importance of Being Earnest apart Oscar Wilde wrote conventional society melodramas spiced up with the odd epigram. Peter Hall's production brilliantly challenges this view, finding a surprising depth not just in the tale of the politician with the nice wife and the killer secret in his past, but in the wit and the banter. Martin Shaw is magnificent as the dandyish but shrewd Oscar-clone, Lord Goring; but then Anna Carteret, Penny Downie, Michael Denison and the rest of a strong cast do full justice to an unobtrusively radical reading.

Theatre Royal, Haymarket. London SWI (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; matinees, Wed and Sat, 3pm.

OPERA

Rodney Milnes

ARABELLA You lose some, you win some. A bit late in the day, the Royal Opera lost both the leads -Amanda Roocroft and Bryn Terfel - in its revival of Strauss's romantic comedy. Both were undertaking their roles for the first time and both apparently thought better of it. The good news is that their replacements are Cheryl Studer, whose silvery soprano is ideal for Strauss's heroine, and the experienced Wolfgang Brendel as her Balkan suitor, Anne Howells, Lillian Watson and Stafford Dean are in support, and the conductor is Mark Elder.

Royal Opera House. Bow St. London WC2 (0171-304 4000). Wed 27. 7pm. 🔕

WERTHER English Touring Opera's engaging production of Massenet's romantic tragedy reaches Crawley, and is well worth catching for young Geraint Dodd's sensitively sung account of the title role and Christine Botes's warmvoiced, sympathetic Charlotte. Maureen Brathwaite sparkles as Sophle, and Andrew Greenwood happily catches the music's passionate ebb and flow. The Hawth, Hawth Ave, Crawley, Sussex (01293-553636). Fri 29,

7.30pm. 🖎

CLASSICAL Richard Morrison

PLEETH AT 80 The Wigmore Hall hosts a very musical birthday party on Friday when William Pleeth, one of the most distinguished of postwar British string-players and teachers, celebrates his 80th birthday. In the cellist's honour his equally distinguished cellist son, Anthony, joins the Brindisi String Quartet and Trevor Pinnock (playing piano) in a programme of Haydn, Mozart and the work perhaps most associated with Pleeth: Schubert's sublime String Quintet in C.

Wigmore Hall, Wigmore St, London WI (0171-935 2141), Fri 7.30pm.

TAKEMITSU TRIBUTE Last month, when the Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu died, harsh critics pointed out that he had written all his ground-breaking works early in his life, then tended to repeat the formula with variations. That may be accurate but misses the point: Takemitsu found an exquisite and original way of expressing himself that was contemporary yet beguiling. He was wise to stick with it. Here, the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis plays his Towards the Sea II, followed by Mozart's Piano Concerto. K595, (Lars Vogt the soloist) and Vaughan Williams's Pastoral Symphony. Festival Hall, South Bank. London

SEI (0171-960 4242), Tues 7.30pm.

JAZZ AND CABARET Clive Davis

ANNIE ROSS/RITA. COO-LIDGE Closing week for two contrasting chanteuses. Annie Ross's blues and torch songs many from her new DRG disc. Music is Forever - are delivered with all the authority and wit you would expect from so seasoned a performer. Better known for her soft-rock ballads, Rita Coolidge has been dipping her toe into the showtune repertoire at the Green Room. Amid tributes to Peggy Lee, she finds space for the 1970s hits The Way You Do The Things You Do and We're All Alone. Ross: Pizza On The Park.

Knightsbridge, London SWI (0171-235 5273). Tonight, Mon to Sat 30, 9.15pm and 11.15pm. Coolidge: Café Royal, Regent St. London W1 (0171-437 9090). To-

night, Tue 26 to Sat 30, 9.15pm.

DAVE HOLLAND It was at Ronnie Scott's nearly three decades ago that Dave Holland caught the eye of Miles Davis, who subsequently enticed the young British bass player to America. An elder statesman of the ECM label. Holland has consistently produced challenging and creative smallgroup music. His latest quartet, which can be heard on the new album Dream of the Elders, features saxophonist Eric Person and Steve Nelson on vibraphone and marimba.

Ronnie Scott's Club, Frith St. London WI (0171-439 0747). Mon 25 to Sat 30, support set from 9.30pm.

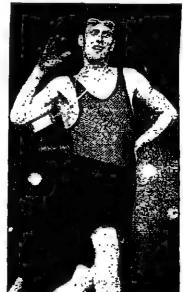
ROCK .

David Sinclair

MARIANNE FAITHFULL AL though she premiered her Evening in the Weimar Republic show at the Brooklyn Academy of Music as long ago as 1994, and has toured it throughout Europe, these dates will mark the first time that Marianne Faithfull has performed her special programme of songs by Brecht & Weill on a British stage. Now 40 years old, the wide-eyed. convent-school girl who sang As Tears Go By in 1964 has weathered barely imaginable traumas. As a performer she has emerged with a cracked and croaking voice, and a rich fund of spiritual reserves at her disposal. Returns only. Jazz Café, London NWI (0171-344 0044), March 25, 26, 27.

BLACK GRAPE They had to cancel an American tour after the authorities declined to issue frontman Shaun Ryder with a visa. They postponed their last British dates when rapper Kermit was hospitalised with a lung infection. And they just missed out on a Brit for Best Newcomer. But you can't keep a band as good as Black Grape down for long, and, with a vocalist called Psycho standing in for the errant Kermit, they are back for another bite of the cherry. Their show remains a unique and irresistible rap'n'roll experience dubbed, on this outing, "The Fate Neck Tour" after a new song which could be their next single. SECC, Glasgow (0141-248 9999),

March 29; Empress Ballroom, Blackpool (01253 27786), March 30; Mayfair. Newcastle upon Tyne (0191-261 2606), March 31; Dome,



Irresistible: "Bez" of Black Grape

Doncaster (0115-934 2000), April 2; Aston Villa Leisure Centre (01)5-934 2000). April 3: Brighton Centre (01273 202881), April 4; Tribal Gathering '96, Otmoor Park, Beckley. Oxford (0171-344 0044), May 4.

With Meg Ryan and Sam Neil

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The Soldier's Song: Sarah Howe and Colin Tarrant

Inspector, and Edward Pool and Susan Engel as the pillars of society Garrick, Channg Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Mon-Fn, 7 45pm, Sat, 8 15pm: mats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 5pm

IN JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Phép Scholidic plays the lad with the pretty jacket in a nine-week revival of the first Lloyd Webber/Rice creation. Labatt's Apollo, Queen Caroline Street.

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NEW RELEASES CYCLO (18) Over-forceful partner of Ho Chi Minh City's urban hell From that director of The Scent of Green Papaya, Tran Anh Hung MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470)

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CINEMA GUIDE

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INSIDE STORY

Continued from page 1 nothing weirder than that bunny-wunny thing.

Admittedly, the single household person can develop some add habits when there is nobody around to draw the line. Personally, I talk to myself more or less non-stop But the biggest danger for the person living alone is not that your selfish wishes drive you into strange compulsions to fill the hall with jam jars or old pennies or something. Rather it's the reverse: that when your own wishes are the only ones consulted, sometimes you find you can't summon any strong enough to make a decision. Domestic loopholes thus widen and deepen until they are veritable mantraps with spikes in. For example, you might ask yourself, in front of a sink full of dirty plates, "Where do I stand on this washing up issue?" and instead of answering, switch the light off and go to bed with a Kilkat.

hen I first lived alone, I quickly identified the greatest freedom for the single woman: that when things go wrong with the washing machine or the central heating, she can "get a man in". She makes the decision: she consults the Yellow Pages: a day or so later a taciturn fellow in overalls turns up with a spanner and sets to. What a relief, not to negotiate this minefield with the boyfriend, who has always fancied himself in a Zanussi boilersuit, and whose ego when he breaks the washing machine has to be handled with extreme delicacy. "Bang. Clink Oops. How did that happen?" is possibly the most miserable sequence of noises ever heard by cohabiting women, while the worst sight is the room filled with pink brick dust where all-day drilling has failed to result in

shelving of any kind. Actually, I was always happy in couples. I am fairly good at living with other people. I like men generally, and am much less bitter and suspicious than many married women my age. But old Tim Rice got it right when he wrote

THE BIG

SPENDERS

People in single

households spend:

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10 per cent more on

19 per cent more on

🔯 30 per cent more on

☐ 26 per cent more on

36 per cent more on

fuel, light and power

☐ 49 per cent more

2) per cent less on

Source: Mintel: Single

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23 per cent less on meat

on housing

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household services

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CELEBRITY SINGLES

Sian Phillips Germaine Greer Sir Cliff Richard Diane Keaton Doris Lessing Muriel Spark Ted Heath Jeffrey Bernard Shirley Conran Stephen Fry Barbara Cartland Gordon Brown Joan Collins

song I Know Him So Well which went, "No one is completely on your side". It's true; we are all alone really, when it boils down to it. The rest is just wishing. I remember the day, years ago, when I found an orange folded plastic thing under the bed on the boyfriend's side and asked him innocently, "What's this?" "It's a smoke hood," he said. "In the event of fire, I can put it over my head and get out of the flat without succumbing to life-threatening fumes." I looked at it. and turned it over in my hands. "Is there just the one? I wanted to ask, but I knew ! couldn't face the inevitable unswer. So I put it back under the bed and thought what a profound fellow Tim Rice was, if he did but know it.

So the Mintel people find that by the year 2000, 30 per cent of households in this country will be single-person. Advertisers will take note. The image of the sad person with the TV dinner will be completely overturned, to become a happy person with a TV dinner. As the ads for Get Shorty keep telling us, attitude plays a part. One day they will remake Batman Returns, and Michelle Pfeiffer will enter that flat again, kick her shoes off and say glurnly, "Hi honey," I'm home," and then she'll brighten up. "Oh I forgot!" she'll say, "I'm not married!"

■ Lynne Truss's book about single life, Making the Cat Laugh (Hamish Hamilton, £9.99).

y the year 2000, the number of people living alone will increase by 1.2 million to 8 million,

according to Mintel's latest survey (see left). This could be good news for any Chancellor looking for ways to increase

consumer spending. Non-retired, sin-gle-person households spend 10.5 per

cent more than non-retired people

from VAT would rise significantly.

we might not be in debt.

These figures apply to those who are

not retired. With those who are, the



Madonna loves the limelight but, at home in America, this material girl is singularly happy alone

Singles with spending power

living in a two-adult household. The taxman would be happy too. Income picture is a little different. Solitary pensioners dependent on the state The public sector borrowing require-ment could be paid off in weeks by the spend £75.67 per week, whereas two similarly dependent pensioners living increase in spending on tobacco and alcohol by this new mass of solitary, together spend £72.32 each per week; a difference of 4.6 per cent. The figures non-retired people. Each person in a for pensioners who do not depend on two-adult household buys roughly a the state are £142.91 and £118.42; a difference of 20.7 per cent. (Interestingpacket of cigarettes per week, whereas a person living alone puffs through a ly, the poorer the single pensioner, the packet and a half. They also drink more he or she smokes. The solitary state-dependent pensioner spends nearly 35 per cent more alcohol than the individual in a two-adult household. £2.10 on tobacco, whereas those who are not state dependent spend £1.30.)

Food consumption would only be affected marginally - singles spend 2.1 per The average weekly expenditure for all single-person households (retired cent more than sharers. Non-retired single people may become drunk, cancerous and slightly fatter, but at least and non-retired) is £147.17, and for shared households the figure is £145.56 per person; a difference of £1.61 per person. This means that by 2000, consumer expenditure could increase by just over £100 million a year.

There are non-financial benefits too. With the increase in singleperson households, the nation's gardens will be better maintained. In a sample week last year, 67 per cent of singles carried out some form of gardening, whereas only 56 per cent of sharers got their fingers green. We will be a better-read nation as well. Seventy-eight per cent of singles read books for up to one or more hours per week, whereas the figure for those who share was a derisory 65 per cent.

But the increase has its downside, For a start, we will be less fit, because only 54 per cent of singles exercise in a given week, whereas for sharers the figure is 61 per cent. Social security bills may increase. The family is effectively an unpaid social security system, but the state will need to subsidise those who live on their own. subsidise those who live on their own

and are incapable of, say, cleaning. The predicted increase in the single householder population will have a huge impact on housing. Thirty per cent of singles live in flats, which means that 360,000 more flats may have to be found by 2000. Twenty-six per cent of singles live in their own terrace house, which means that 3i2,000 more terrace houses could be occupied by singles by the same year. This may lead to an increase in house prices. An increase in single-person households means an increase in the number of households, which will mean a greater demand for housing.

However, the dearth of suitable properties available for single people may just stop this explosion of wannabe hermits.

GUY WALTERS



Lynne Truss and her feline companion. Buster



Sir Cliff Richard is content to be a bachelor boy

21 REASONS TO LIVE ALONE

I The bathroom is always free. There are no male fingerprints in the moisturiser.
 Toenails can be clipped while watching television.

5 The phone is always for you

6 There's always some milk left in the fridge. Nobody can mean about the pile of washing-up. "Air guitar" can be played without observation. Books never mysteriously disappear.

10 Housemates and family members who have lost their keys will never ring your doorbell at 2am. Freedom to enjoy playing your own music. 12 Not having to pretend you like your housemate's or

14 You can change channel as often as you want, to

Food can be prepared at any time of the night. 18 Car engines can be stripped down in the kitchen.



Andrew Daniels and Ruth Gledhill after their marriage was blessed

Cover image of Greta Garbo by C. S. BULL, The Kobal Collection Ruth Gledhill, the Times religion correspondent, is the subject of the column she usually writes each week

ancing duo defy the trend

The Times At Your Service and religion correspondent Ruth Gledhill and Andrew Daniels, a former champion Old Time dancer, have defied the trend discussed above and abandoned single life. They married a month ago, far from cold, damp Britain on the sun-drenched St James' beach in Barbados. With only an Anglican priest present, the couple asked two fellow holidaymakers to be witnesses to the wedding.

But after their Caribbean privacy, the newlyweds wanted a blessng of their marriage back in Britain for family, friends and colleagues. Even after the move of so many famous newspapers from their spiritual bome in Fleet Street. the couple chose the Street's tradijournalists' church. St tional Bride's, for their service.

The Archbishop of York. Dr David Hope, officiated and oreached at the service. Wearing episcopal cope and gold mitre, he referred in his homily to the couple meeting on the dance floor on ValAndrew will be doing their fair share of dancing in their hearts as well as on their feet," he said.

Throughout the service, the Archbishop was assisted by the Rector of St Bride's, Canon John Oates and the father of the bride. the Rev Peter Gledhill.

Fortunately, no big religious news story broke last Saturday because all the national newspaper religion correspondents were at St Bride's, along with other journalists, as well as Andrew's colleagues - "he works in finance" - and other friends, including the two witnesses from Barbados. The congregation was a curious mixture of journalists, dancers, family,

clergy and business people. The couple dedicated themselves to each other after two contrasting readings -- Ecclesiastes 2 (a time to mourn and a time to dance) and George Herbert's poem Love Bade

Dr Hope blessed the rings as "a sign of our marriage" and the

give to you, all that I am I share with you, within the love of God".

The Archbishop referred to the challenge of faithfulness; that marriage is "truly an awesome vocation and commitment for which daily you will need God's help".

The new bride looked beautiful in a dress which was a clever combination of wedding and ball-room. She and her husband looked ready to launch into a waltz at any moment. They selected two of the most popular, traditional hymns for their service, Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer and Jerusalem, and two modern sones. Be Still and Amazing Grace.

The bride's father, a retired priest in the Church of Wales, added a wonderful, personal touch to his daughter's blessing when he offered intercessions in Welsh and the responses in English.

As he burst into Welsh, some of the journalists, wondering at first if he was "speaking in tongues", looked around the church to see if

gifts of the spirit. Naomi Hyamson, a sub-editor at The Times, sang Laudamus To by Bach as the couple were congratulated in the vestry after the liturgy. Printed on the order of service Nuntians Quid Novi (Arr. R Jonesi looked a new innovation as a wedding march. In a happy final touch New York, New York in "sing something simple" style brought huge smiles to the newly blessed couple and congregation, who then headed off to the reception at the Waldorf Hotel. where the afternoon tea dance was in full swing as guests arrived.

Indeed, the whole day was a joyful celebration of a new beginning - a life shared and a love which flourishes after that first glance on the dance floor.

ROB MARSHALL ● The Rev Rob Marshall is media adviser to the Archbishop of York. St Bride's Church, Fleet St, London, EC4Y 8AU (0171-353 1301).

AT YOUR SERVICE

A five-star guide

RECTOR: Canon John Oates ARCHITECTURE A Wren gem known as the Wedding Cake church. The congregation face each other in choir stalls.

HOMILY: A challenging charge from the Archbishop of York wishing the couple "good luck in the name of the Lord".

MUSIC: Well-known hymns and anthems, with a final surprise from the Big Apple.

LITURGY: Despite the presence of an ishop and several priest (including a chaplain to the mal. The formal dedication of the couple one to another was the highlight. **

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How can I persuade my gloriosa lilies to flower? The tubers increase greatly and are fat and healthy, but all I get are leaves. - R.K.J. Owens, Sherborne, Dorset.

A Gloriosa rothschild-iana is a climbing member of the lily family and produces twining stems up to 6ft long, with orangered turk's cap flowers from June to August, I wonder if you are starting the tubers nto growth early enough. They should be started in February, with little water but plenty of heat (16C-19C), until they get going. Make sure they get full light, and give them a liquid, highpotash feed (eg. tomato feed) and ample water during active summer growth.

Q Two years ago I was given a morning glory (ipomoca) plant but i am sure which species it is. It has spread along a south-facing fence but will not flower. Could it be that my neighbour's hedge be-hind the fence is sapping nourishment from the soil? Mrs.J.M. Edwards. Billericay, Essex.

There is a puzzle here, which I think only you can sort out. The species of ipomoea we can grow in this country are distinctly tender and often best treated as annuals (some are annuals). They are known for their trumpet-shaped flowers similar to bindweed. The mauve or blue ipomoca tricolor is commonest and its sky-blue variety, 'Heavenly Blue, is readily available. Slightly hardier, but with smaller flowers, is the perennial Ipomoea purpurea. However, all ipomoeas have heart or arrowshaped leaves. The leaf you sent me, with seven lobes almost like a horse chestnut, looks suspiciously like passion flower (Passiflora caerulea). You will soon know when i flowers, to which end give it lots of muck and water and pray for good summers.

Can you tell me of a lawn-sand dispenser which stops dispensing when you come to a halt? G.T.C. Woollen, Cobham, Surrey.

A Rotary "cyclone" fertiliser/lawn-sand spreaders have the nasty habit of starting and stopping with an overdose. The knack is to start and stop gradually, so that by the time the forward motion stops and the distributor ceases to spin, it is virtually empty. On small lawns it is a good idea to cover the area twice at half rate, to ensure an even cover. Large lawns are faster done in one go.

You mentioned Bor-Q deaux mixture some weeks ago. What exactly is it, and where can I get it? -Sir Robert Atkinson, Winchester. Hampshire.

Bordeaux mixture is an old-fashioned cop-per sulphate-based fungicide, which still has its uses against potato blight and fungal diseases in fruit. It is bought as a powder and mixed with water. Vitax sells it through garden centres at £2.22 for 175gm. Be careful using it with metal containers as it can corrode.

 Readers wishing to have their gardening problems answered should write to: Garden An-Pennington St. London El 9XN. We regret that few perthat it may not be possible to is offered without legal respon-sibility. The Times also regrets that enclosures accompanying letters cannot be returned.



Screen test for trees: deciduous or conifer?

WEEKEND TIPS

• Check greenhouse plants for colonies of aphids as the

• Complete preparation of a fine, level tilth on new lawns

Spring cabbages may be dressed with a little sulphate of

Apply a light dressing of balanced fertiliser to permanent

Today the traffic is something we just have to put up with.

trees have much more

important jobs to do

than just being part of

the scenery. Sometimes they are needed to block a view;

and they can be a pleasant form of insulation when the

noise, dirt and lights of roads

I was struck by the way in which lines of plane trees partly hide the façade of

Carlton House Terrace. The

terrace has a glorious, long

frontage and such a show is

surely meant to be seen. Why

not pull out every other tree and let the building breathe

and be seen clearly.

But what would it breathe?

City muck, no doubt. And I

feel sure the people in the

terrace would prefer to have

the passing traffic remain

cocooned in the Mall's tunnel

of trees. Happily, plane trees

are more tolerant of fumes

I face the same argument in

miniature in my own front garden. A brick-and-flint wall

separates the garden from the

than we are.

While in the Mall in London

come too close to houses.

Houses alongside roads have the choice of shutting themselves off from the view (and the light) with tall conifers. Or they can abandon their front gardens to the car and plant nothing. Or they can, as I hope to do, filter the traffic with screen planting.

i am off to a good start. In a bed on my side of the wall, the previous owners planted a small, flowering cherry and a crab apple either side of a wicket gate to the road. Neither is big enough to block light seriously, nor to make the house look smothered. A crab, however, is not the perfect choice at an entrance, as squelched crab apples tend to travel indoors on people's feet.

main road through the village. The house was built in Edwardian days when road traffic Alongside the cherry and was something of a novelty to be admired, and so the house crab are a couple of common

Basket Cradie

seedling laburnum and a young Lawson cypress. They are all planted rather too closely together to make specimens with a clean outline. But here what matters is a continuous screen of twigs. With a little judicious thinning of branches, they will co-exist as a screen for many years with-

out getting too tall It would be possible to replace some of the deciduous

to be seeded or turfed next month.

ammonia to induce leaf growth.

weather warms up.

cypresses or laurels, perhaps. But viewed from indoors, a tracery of twigs in winter is much less oppressive than a wall of evergreens. And the anyway, so it retains a few leaves right through. Evergreens by roads struggle to look their best. Traffic dust dulls their sheen, and salt

spray can damage cypresses. But they do filter noise and

iduous species. A deciduous screen, however, filters winter winds more

efficiently than evergreens. It is the fate of evergreens always to take the full brunt of the wind at all times of year. Close to solid walls and houses. buffeting can cause a permanent outward lean. So I shall stick with my

screen of deciduous small trees, for the sake of traffic insulation. Gardening among their roots will not be easy. The wall under their canopy faces east to the house. I shall lift the lower branches here and there to wall height; so that we can see properly the flint wall underneath. And, instead of the present tangle of unweedable, prostrate cotoneaster underneath the trees, I shall start a bulbery in the rooty shade. First snowdrops and aconites.

hart's tongue ferns. Helleborus orientalis; and Cyclamen hederifolium.

At present, the prostrate cotoneaster is sprawling over a gravel mulch. It is not a success. Where the cotoneaster leaves gaps of bare gravel. fallen leaves that are too small to rake off the gravel, gradually rot down into it. Gravel mulches work out in the open but not under the fall-out of trees. Fortunately the gravel covering is not so thick that it cannot be topped off with compost and simply worked into the soil.

With luck it will be moist enough to grow primroses, too. I would like to plant a few different colours and let them

seed as they will. Some years ago I visited a cemetery on the Continent. The grave stones there, many with canopies of painted midnight blue studded with gold and silver stars, had had primroses and polyanthus planted on them over the years. Now there was a whole palette of graded intermediate colours seeding everywhere,

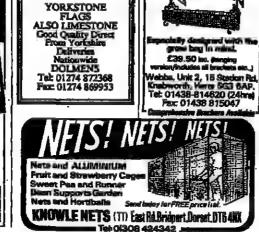




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Backstage at Newby Hall

especially during the next -month, is important to any garden, but for Chris Jakeman, the head gardener at Newby Hall in North Yorkshire, it is vital. Newby's gardens extend to 25 acres and have been described as "Hidcote on a grand scale", with a series of interlinking, formal enclosures, a formidable range of plants and an impeccably high standard of maintenance. With the 18th-century house, the gardens attract about 100,000 visitors a year.

Until the gardens open on April 2. March is a period of intense preparation to ensure they are kept healthy and tidy until to closing at the end of September. During the season, Newby is closed only on Mondays (open Bank Holidays), which does not allow for extensive work.

Newby is gardened and managed by its owners, Robin and Jane Compton. They inherited from his father in the 1970s, when the garden was in need of drastic rejuvenation. Mr Compton is president of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG) and holds the national collection of cornus at Newby. In 1994, he was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's highest award, the Victoria Medal of Honour. But he is certain that his credentials as a distinguished plantsman would not. alone, ensure the necessary smooth progress from one year to another, as they might in a smaller, private garden.

Planning out-of-season maintenance is important, beginning with a thorough inspection each October. The Comptons, with Mr Jakeman, review the gardens area by area, noting down what will be done through the coming months. Much is annual routine: pruning back trees and shrubs to keep paths clear and reseeding grass worn away by thousands of feet. But it is rare that a winter season goes by without a special project being started.

During the 12 years that Mr Jakeman has been at Newby, sections of the famous 300-yard double border have been completely replanted. The work involved lifting and splitting old clumps of perennials and introducing new plants (carried out during March). At the same time, shrubs that had become too large were removed and the planting returned to being predominantly herbaceous, not a mixture of perennials with shrubs. This winter the stone balustrading of a

bridge has been completely removed. The work was essential after some loose masonry was spotted. The stonework has been repaired where necessary and put back with new mortar to ensure its safety. When I visited recently, Mr Jakeman, with one of the other four gardeners, was sawing and clearing away the timber and debris from a Colorado spruce (Picea pungens). They had just felled the tree that had long been a stately feature by the car park. Although not dead, the tree showed sufficient signs of ill health to cause some concern at the prospect

One of Britain's leading gardens is busy preparing for the visiting season



A sculpted feature of the lily pond

f branches dropping without warning. The number of visitors makes path maintenance a never-ending job, much of which has to be left until the last weeks before opening. The main paths through the gardens, which total more than a mile, are gravel, as grass is easily worn away. The decisive long-term improvement came recently with the painstaking installation of board edging, which keeps the gravel on the paths and retains a neat grass edge. None the less, gravel has to be replaced each year and this is done as late as possible before opening to minimise the effect of heavy winter rain or snow. It

From now until the opening, the priority for Mr Jakeman is mulching the borders - as it is for most gardeners. The difference is one of scale: at Newby four men, with two garden tractors and trailers, work in tandem back and forth out to all parts of the gardens from the mountainous compost heap, where they are loaded by a mechanical digger.

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The mulching takes two weeks but events, and the weather, rarely allow this to be uninterrupted. More than any other job, however, it guarantees the ability of a border to sustain healthy plants through to autumn. The compost mixture of garden rubbish and cuttings, leaf mould. . farmyard manure and spent straw, provides plant feed, soil improvement and moisture retention on a long-term basis. Come a drought in June or July, Mr Jakeman and his team rarely face acute

s the borders and beds are being mulched, there is similar activity in the long range of glasshouses in the walled garden. Here one gardener is kept busy almost full-time providing new plants. The numbers involved (thousands annually) make it imperative for Newby to be largely self-sufficient in plant stocks. For the next few weeks seed-sowing and growing-on cuttings combines with looking after half-hardy and tender plants that have been brought in for protected

Having a range of plants available in large quantities ensures that the gardens are able to offer the level of presentation that will satisfy public scrutiny. It means, for instance, that the inevitable gaps between a group of newly planted young shrubs can be temporarily filled until the plants have matured to spread over their allotted area.

Public safety and presentation are two keys to large gardens attracting sufficient visitors to make the enormous work and cost of their maintenance viable. At Newby nowhere is the safety element better shown than in the "Adventure Garden". Swings, pedal-boats and other children's amusements are integrated into a landscape of grass banks and ponds. and rigorously inspected daily.

The final touch before opening will be cutting the acres of grass, preferably more than once, so that the lawns take on the neatness they will wear for the next six

GEORGE PLUMPTRE

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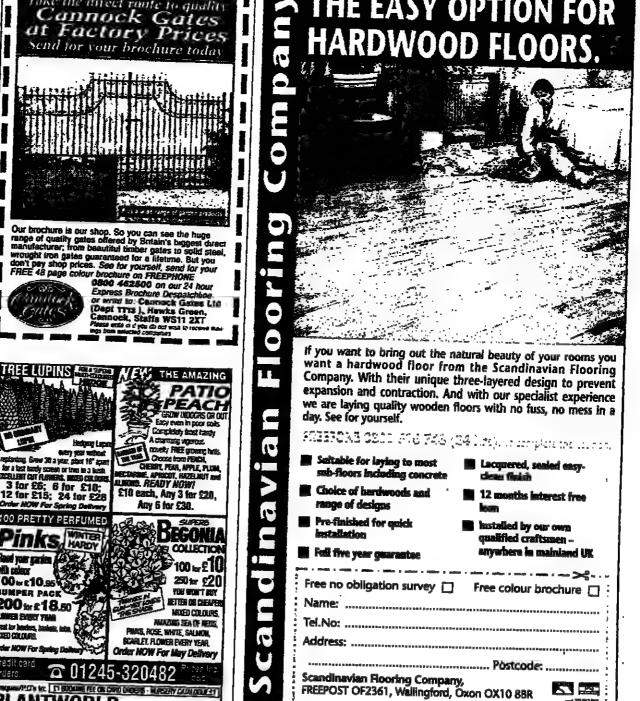
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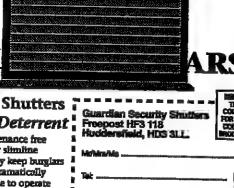


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Spectacular or historic gardens are a strong selling point, but some estate agents say little about less splendid plots

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There are some gar-dens that don't need an estate agent's blurb, they sell themselves. Houses with a very special garden, or a link with a distinguished garden designer, such as Gertrude Jekyll. will not be cheap, but will hold their value well and are always in demand.

A prominent or historic garden, well maintained, can add up to 50 per cent to property value, says Patrick Ramsay, of Knight Frank. About 1.200 parks and gar-dens, both public and private, are listed Grade I, Grade II or II* by English Heritage, which started its Register of Historic

Parks and Gardens for England in 1984. More are added every year, but no garden created less than 30 years ago There is no statutory protection for registered gardens.

but there is an obligation to

ed to influence local authorities who might be considering applications to build an annex or a swimming pool in a listed garden. It also helps with priorities for aid from English Heritage, which sometimes gives grants for the repair and replanting of historic gardens.

A 17th-century house with a 90ft Grade II listed garden at 100 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, designed in 1909 by Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll for Sir Hugh Lane, is for sale at E6.25 million on an 81-year National Trust lease, through the agents Chesterfield and Built on the site of Sir

Thomas More's Chelsea farm-house, Lindsey House has eight bedrooms and five reception rooms, with views over the Thames. Its present lessee, John Stefanidis, the interior designer, has restored the garden, planting its borders with camellias, lavender and hostas; and covering its walls

> National Trust leaseholders are responsible for maintenance of the gardens, including paths, walls and replanting, and must inform the trust about intended changes. Any requirement to open to the public would be written into

in vines and rambling roses,

in keeping with Jekyll's origi-

nal planting.
Under the terms of its

National Trust lease, the pub-

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and rear garden, on written

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A more modest National

Trust property, the 250-year-old Ashtree Cottage, a quintessentially English three-

bedroom thatched cottage at Kilmington in Wiltshire, is available at £200,000 for an

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garden a rubbish tip. Now both have been restored. The

garden, with its lawns, borders planted with delphini-

ums, phlox, lilies and peonies.

and winding pathways be-

neath a pergola heavy with roses and clematis, attracts

nearly 2,000 visitors a year under the National Gardens

de Pelet and Knight Frank. When Wendy Lauderdale

In 1910, Gertrude Jekyll designed the gardens at Culmer Farmhouse, a Grade II listed six-bedroom medieval Surrey, which is on the market for £750,000 through Savills.

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Mardon's two-acre garden in the Dartmoor National Park has been open to the public since 1989 and has featured in the Good Gardens Guide

you could buy Kingcombe, a Grade II listed six-bedroom house in 11 acres of garden and grounds at Chipping Campden in the Cotswolds, also on offer through Savills. The former home of Sir Gordon Russell, one of the founders of the Design Centre and its director for 12 years, its four-acre garden was laid out in 1920 by Sir Gordon and his friend Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, who designed the water-trough staircase which flows into a canal at the base of the cherry orchard terrace. The Pink Garden is enclosed by a beech

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boundary; the Victorian Garden has a raised walkway. There is also a moat and small stone castellated folly.

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A lawn sweeps down from the terrace to a stream. There is also a trout lake and a water garden surrounded by

and a tulip tree; mixed borders have camellias, hydrangeas and masses of old-fashioned

or half a century, the owners of Four Ashes. an estate overlooking the Daugleddau Estuary in the Pembroke Coast National Park have created a with more than 1,000 varieties of azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, roses and heathers. It has been open to the public by prior arrangement with the owner under the National Gardens Scheme. Now, the estate, with its six-bedroom

ming pool complex and ten acres of gardens and woodland running down to the water's edge, is for sale at £650,000 through Jackson, Stops & Staff.

The same agent is asking about £450,000 for Deep End Cottages, three former farm cottages converted into a fivebedroom house, with views over the Bosham Reach of Chichester Harbour to the South Downs.The half an acre garden, laid out in 1976 by John Brookes, the landscape designer and founder of the Clock House School of Garden Design in West Sussex, are mainly lawned, with wild areas planted with spring bulbs. Flower beds and shrubberies are planted with sheltered by eucalyptus, Scots pine and cherry trees.

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Reading between the lines

ust how do you find a garden? Estate agents, whose job it is to know about houses, have to be impossibly careful about the descriptions

tion — and the threat of criminal charges — obliges them to be factual and truthful, or to say nothing at all. It must quite take the sport out of salesmanship.
When it comes to describing gardens,

about which some estate agents may know next to nothing, they are even cagier. It makes judging whether a house has a good garden exquisitely frustrating. I know. I've just bought one.

With gardens, as with houses, you must learn to read between the lines. Or between the words, as is more frequently the case. For agents say so very little about gardens in their particulars. What they do say is in code. How do you find a sheltered

garden for instance? When describing a house, "wealth of beams" are always "exposed", as if the beams are visible not because that was how the house was built, but because of some recent furious DIY adventures. (My own house was, I believe, unique for its wealth" of stripped doors.) But gardens, however bleak, are never exposed in Essex and Cambridgeshire. Outdoors 'exposed" is a dirty word. Instead, the house will "look over open farmland".

if there's a decent chunk of garden between you and the prairies, then the garden "gives onto open farmland". If the strip of garden is so narrow that you are in danger of an agricultural sprayer boom parting your hair as you stand at the basin to shave every morning, then the house is, once again, "looking over open farmland". If you want genuinely attractive distant views, with woods and interesting landform, then you are in the market for a "magnificent"

One rule of thumb, indoors and out, is that the more unimportant detail is mentioned - the abundance of double sockets, that vital and quite indispensible outside tap - then the less substantial is the property. If the particulars mention an outside tap, put the house to the bottom of the pile.

Though estate agents are not permitted to bend the truth, the camera might still do it for them. If you are looking for somewhere quiet in the country, away from traffic, then beware the wide angle

In search of the perfect garden? Stephen Anderton explains what those sales details really mean

lens. I travelled to see one house only to find that what looked like my new driveway and flowerbeds were a T-

no point going inside. Relationships to roads are a vexed point. Some people do not mind passing traffic; others go into a rage if a diesel engine comes within 500 yards. So what is a poor estate agent to say? If a house merely has "flower beds to the front", it seems to mean there is just room for a few

junction on the village street and the

garden of the house opposite. There was

marigolds before the tarmac and juggernauts start. "Lawned area" means a



Stephen Anderton in his new garden

miserable patch of grass which could, at a push, be part of the "ample off-street parking".

The real difficulty about describing a garden is that it is the owner's taste you must describe, just as it would be if you were to describe their soft furnishings or bed linen. It is particularly personal, and an agent has to be careful to offend

As a buyer, it pays to be absolutely frank with an agent about your needs -"no lawn, no flowers, and no work please!" - or "total privacy, shelter, mature trees, at least half an acre, no tarty little ponds and no dwarf conifers". In deference to his client, the agent can never say "God, yes, I know what you mean!"

but boy, will a tight brief save you some wasted time.

If you want to find a particularly interesting garden, look out for mention of garden structure — the equivalent of indoor rooms — by way

of terraces, large hedges; separate lawns, and walls. (Only watch out for "dwarf walls", which can turn out to be a spreading, cancerous form of barbecue.)

The word "mature" has unfortunately to be taken with a pinch of salt. Too often it proclaims a lifeless garden. "Laid to lawn, with mature trees and shrubs" represents a 15-year-old birch and perhaps a cherry, with deadly banks of berberis and potentilla stagnating quietly on the grass. Fine if you want no work, but unpromising for an enthusiast.

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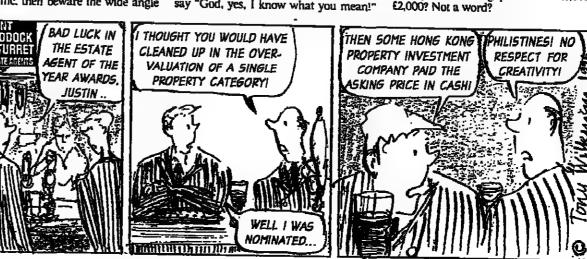
Some magazines, including Country Life and Gardens Illustrated, have taken to publishing an occasional property page of houses for sale (like those above) with particularly wonderful gardens. So there must be enough people out there with sufficient cash and interest to pounce on one of these complex, designer gardens.

Occasionally you may see a house with a plantsman's garden for sale as a small ad in the back of a specialist horticultural magazine. But most of us are left to ponder the estate agent's blurb and decipher promise among the bare

Paradoxically, agents are the first to admit that an attractive garden sells a house quickly, although an "overstocked garden" can put off people who do not want much maintenance. Well, fine. Give us "heavily stocked" gardens to view, if that is what it takes to find an interesting one.

Just give us something. It cannot help anyone to say so very little. No need for Latin names for sure, but say if there are sheets of daffodils and bluebells, wellmaintained and productive apples, pears and a plum (not "mature fruit trees"), climbing roses to the eaves, and a pond full of koi carp. These things all have a value, and it's huge.

The house I didn't get had a wonderful garden and, at the far end under the churchyard wall, was a quince in full fruit. You could smell it from yards away sweet, spicy and deliciously autumnal. What price a fruiting quince? £10? £1,000? £2,000? Not a word?



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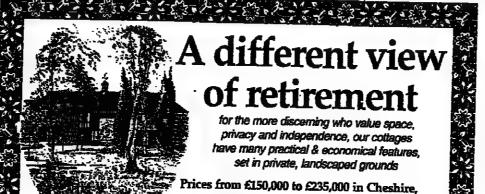
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■ MARK KNOPFLER Golden Heart

Vertigo/Mercury 514 732★ HE REMAINS the architect of the best-selling British album ever recorded - Brothers in Arms by Dire Straits - so you can never count him out completely. But even by the standards of a man who has long made a virtue out of being unfashionable, Mark Knopfler sounds a trifle out of touch on his first solo album, Golden Heart.

A collection of sedate rock and love songs, flavoured with discreet Celtic and countrymusic textures, it is performed with Knopfler's customary ease and consummate fluency, Locating an unlikely point in the no man's land between roots-rock and easy listening where penny whistle meets pedal steel, the opening track, Darling Pretty, finds this politest of pickers at his most lugubrious: "There will come a day, Darling Pretty/There will come a day when hearts

can fly".

That is as may be, but not for one moment does it look as if this album will fly. As the gruff, harely whispered ballad of Golden Heart itself gives way to the soothing shuffle of No Can Do and the prim romanticism of A Night in Summer Long Ago ("My lady, may I have this dance?"), you find yourself longing for something, anything, to happen.

There are moments when the pulse quickens, as on Cannibals, a retooled version of the Dire Straits hit Walk of Life with Cajun trimmings. And Imelda introduces a heavier guitar sound along with a handful of southern blues licks. (The lyric is about Imelda Marcos's penchant for buying shoes; how current is

But by the time the album reaches its final track, the appropriately titled Are We in Trouble Now, with its echoes .

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R PRODICY Firestarter

XL Recordings XLS70** ONE of the prime movers in hauling the alternative dance movement out of the under-ground bunker created for it by the rave scene, the Prodigy continue their assault on the

latest single, Firestarter. A racing, twitchy, all-handson-deck rhythmic pulse, with a first beat in the bar that lands like a bodyblow, it is

charts and the nerves of rock

traditionalists alike with their



Prodigy: hard-hitting

spiced up by a siren-wail synth sound and various shricks that resemble an Art of Noise

"I'm the firestarter, twisted firestarter," intones the band's MC and dancer, Keith Skint, a man not noted for his talent as a singer, and certainly untroubled by melodic nuances here.

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CIC, PG. 1995

CASPER the ghost, a cuddly blob who wants to make friends and not scare people, is an exceptionally bland hero. To compensate, the filmmakers crowd the screen with a jumbled plot and much computergenerated wizardry. But while ghosts fly left right and centre, it takes a human, Christina Ricci, to generate any emotional appeal in this messy film: she plays the lonely daughter of Bill Pullman's "ghost handled and the process of the process therapist", sent to exorcise a spooky house. Steven Spielberg is an executive producer, so he probably approved of the echoes of E.T. Available to rent.

WINSOR McCAY: ANIMATION LEGEND

Academy, E MARVELLOUS compilation tape of the animated films of Winsor McCay, the comic-strip genius of Little Nemo in Slumberland, who also made some of the most beguil-ing and elegant of America's early cartoons. The tape, produced from prints in the Cinémathèque Québecoise, includes Gertie the Dinosaur (used in a stage act) and the staggeringly detailed Sinking of the Lusitania (1918), which took nearly two years to complete and used 25,000 drawings.



rimbas) and a certain sophisti-

cation of structure. The middle

movement is idyllically pasto-ral or lamentably saccharine,

The other substantial work

on the disc is The Celtic by

D. C. (better known as Dave)

Heath. It is effectively a three-

movement concerto, Scottish

according to taste.

WITHNAIL & I

CIC, 15, 1987 BRUCE ROBINSON'S cult comedy, a quirky memoir of the swing-ing 1960s' darker side. Richard E. Grant and Paul McGann are the two would-be actors who escape from the fug of their Camden Town flat for a miserable holdiay in the Lake District. Robinson's timing may be erratic, but his dialogue cuts to the quick. McGann's bemused innocent is very appealing, but now

more than ever this is Grant's show. His Withnail is outrageously selfcentred, an endless fountain of caustic remarks, and his black bile keeps the film alive.

Warner, 1964, PG LENGTHY but impressive drama about the French Resistance's fight for a trainload of art treasures bound for Nazi Germany. "Smashing up the trains was easy to do -- it's every boy's childhood fantasy." said director John Frankenheimer. He realises the fantasy with consummate skill and no noticeable models. With Burt Lancaster, Paul Scofield, and Jeanne Moreau.

■ POCAHONTAS

Disney, U. 1995 THIS sanitised version of 17thcentury history is something of a backward step for Disney cartoons after the exuberance of Aladdin and

Alden staging, shared be-tween the Welsh National and

English National Operas. It is

due back at the Coliseum in

May with Ann Murray in the

title role. There is also the 1980

Philips recording under Raymond Leppard — with

Janet Baker as Ariodante and

Samuel Ramey, no less, in the

modest and dullish part of the

Highland King — which was reissued on CD a couple of

Raymond Leppard

the narrative power of The Lion King. English adventurer Captain John Smith and the Native American girl Pocahontas throb usefully with romantic love, and young audiences should enjoy Miss P's pets, a scampering racoon and a hummingbird. But there is little punch to the tale, and the animation lacks the details that give cartoon characters personality.

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the heights of the earlier Columbia sessions. His writing for ensemble is even more subtle and impressionistic. Nothing in Evans's post-

Sketches output matched the delicacy of his settting of The Barbara Song — recorded in 1964 for The Individualism of Gil Evans - but the writing here on another Kurt Weil composition, Bilbao Song, comes close. The undervalued Mingus trombonist, Jimmy Knepper, takes centre-stage on Where Flamingos Fly, sus-pended over a skeletal frame. Horace Silver's Sister Sadie— inexplicably omitted from the earlier CD reissue - closes the disc with what is, in Evans's own terms, a rare flag-waver,

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The former piece features the kind of frenetic activity that the title implies, together with other Nyman hallmarks such as crude, muddy scoring and mesmerising repetitions. The Torke Concerto, while not one of his best works, has both a feeling for instrumental

colour (vibraphones and ma-

Nyman: usual halimarks in inspiration and in places quite evocative.

McChrystal, who plays with both lyrical sensitivity and energy, is less inclined to vulgarise this kind of music than Harle, and the London Musici under Mark Stephenson provide animated support. If you like this sort of thing, this is a disc that can be safely recommended.

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beloved Princess Ginevra snatched from him through disguise and deception before all is resolved in the grand hall of the royal Scottish palace and virtue is declared triumphant. Lorraine Hunt has plenty of colour at her command as happiness descends to despair in Act II, notably in Scherza infida, a massive and demanding piece. She lacks nothing in agility and freshness: a young lover to match the Handel young lover's

music. Hunt also blends creamily with Juliana Gondek's bright and occasionally brittle soprano as Ginevra in their final ecstatic duet of reunion. Very

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estling on his sofa in his immaculately furnished apart-ment, Bobby Short reflects on the subtle art of cultivating an audience. Saloon singers need to know about these things because, by the very nature

of their work, they do not usually fill stadiums. As Short says, "I'm still not playing Madison Square Garden, as you can see." For that we should be grateful: a

small venue is the place to savour his wit and style. For half a century or more he has been a curator of popular song, a debonair interpreter of the best of Broadway and Tin Pan Alley. The doyen of New York cabaret artists, he has used his extraordinary, quartercentury residency at the ritry Cafe Carlyle to champion not just the Cole Porter songs that everyone knows, but the obscure yet no less interesting numbers that, in the age of Snoop Doggy Dogg, might otherwise be lost

When Woody Allen was looking for a song to accompany the credits on Manhattan Murder Mystery, his choice alighted on Short's recording of

Colc Porter's I Happen to Like New York. The topography of the singer's favourite city also provides the theme of his vibrant new album, recorded live at the Carlyle with a superb swing band featuring cornetist Warren Vache. Songs of New York (Telarc CD-83346) throws together a cocktail of famous standards - among them the aforementioned Manhattan and Autumn in New York - as well as curiosities such as Way Out West on West End Avenue.

Short's career almost foundered in the 1960s, when, like so many of his peers, he found himself displaced by the Beatles and the pop revolution. The Carlyle residency, which began with a two-week stint in 1968, was to transform his life, making him a wealthy man in the process. But, having grown up poor and black in Illinois, he has never lost the instinct to, as he puts it, "keep an extra chicken in the refrigerator".

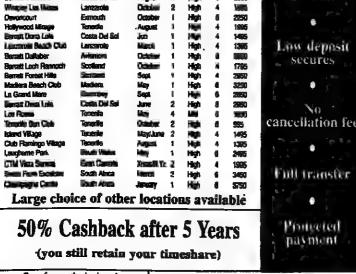
The situation is a little better than it was in the 1960s. But the life of cabaret is a sad story these days. In the old days Lena Horne would do eight weeks at the Empire Room, then she'd take a month off and work four weeks in Las



Bobby Short: a 25-year residency

Vegas, two weeks in Miami. Then she could do the theatres. It was a career. There's no more career of that nature."

Still, he does not give the impression of succumbing to melancholia. The dominant tone of his conversation and of his two volumes of autobiography — is one of defiant joie de vivre. There is always the next show to think of; and one day, he says, he might even learn to read music properly. If he fails. well, he can always comfort himself with the advice of another non-reader. his friend, Erroll Garner: "Man, who in heli's gonna hear you read!"



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Madame Tussaud's is one of the capital's most popular visitor attractions. The Chamber of Horrors. revamped with a £1 million investment, has authentic sound and visual effects, life like figures and realistic settings to illustrate macabre murders from the French Revolution to the present day. New arrivals such as Pierce Brosnan, left, join the famous waxworks and the Spirit of London recreates scenes from the 1660 Great Fire to today.

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Prices: Adult £8.75 Child Towers Hotel where there are (under 16) £5.75 Open: 10am-5.30nm wonders like a 37ft high Jules Visitor info: 0171-935 6861 Verne style flying machine, a Fizzy Factory and Chocolate Tube Station: Buker Street.

LONDON PLANETARIUM

SAVE £7.20 A popular visitor attraction for nearly 40 years, the London Planetarium has the most advanced star projector in the world - Digistar II.

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13) El6 Night tickets £12.50 and £9 Open: 10am-8pm funtil midnight high season) Visitor info: 0800-96 65 40 Salou, south of Barcelona



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IMAGINE: it is 1922 and the BBC has just opened up for business. Radio is the coming thing: the papers have all started radio supplements with radio know-alls rating the newest sets and listing the best new stations. And all over the world bookshops have started filling their shelves with radio manuals which promise to help timid radio virgins to jump on this new bandwagon. Publishers believe that radio is where the money is and so they look for new ways to sell radio books.

The answer? True-life radio crime. There are books about granite-chinned radio repairmen mixing it with evil valve-counterfeiters. did not produce such literary thief-

Sick of the cybersleuths There are books about rugged

broadcast detectives who will leap onto a plane at a moment's notice to scout out illegal radio stations. There are books about dinnerjacketed young aristocrats taking on the Commies who are trying to jam the radio stations of the free world.

An unlikely hypothesis? Well certainly the radio craze of the 1920s

■ TAKEDOWN By Tsutomu Shimomura Secker & Warburg, £9.99

takers. So why do publishers today believe that there is such demand for their internet equivalents?

The genre started in 1990 with Chifford Stoll's Cuckoo's Egg, the excellently told story of how Stoll tracked a hacker of military secrets, and that is where it should have stopped. But each season since has brought a new clutch of heroic tales of men who dash fearlessly about the Internet dishing it with the punks who steal the Net's secrets.

Shimomura's is the latest and the most risible. It is not that I am ungrateful: I am only too pleased that this scientific prodigy was able to set up the routines which caught

Kevin Mitnick, stealer of mobiletelephone software and internet passwords or, as the book has it, the world's most notorious cybercriminal. I am. after all, a mobile-telephone owner and an Internet user and recognise that the Mitniks of this world spoil it for the

But I cannot bring myself to be excited by the minutiae of the hunt.

even when those banal technical details are recounted in a breathless parody of a police procedural novel.
And I certainly cannot be convinced that the details of Shimomura's hobbies - in-line skating and crosscountry skiing — add to the excitement any more that does a sub-plot about the wooing of his girlfriend.

Happily there is a simplified version of the book - and one which, with its pictures and full audio details, really does give a sense of the excitement the reader is meant to feel. It is written by Shimomura and is available - free on the Web: http://www. takedown.com/.

NOVELS IN BRIEF NEW IN F

Fiends, relations and other lovers

TAPES OF THE RIVER By Peter Cunningham

Arrow. E5.99 PETER CUNNINGHAM'S novel is an unsettling combination of family saga and thriller but transcends both categories. His narrator, Theo Shortcourse, is a civil servant, based in Dublin, whose life has been overshadowed by his ruthless but charismatic cousin. Bain Cross - now a powerful figure in the Irish Government Theo and Bain have been rivals since boy-hood, when both competed for the affection of Theo's beautiful mother, Sparrow. Theo's relationships have otherwise failed. Cunningham's portrayal of the power relations within families underlies his analysis of Irish political life. The result is an ingenious and chilling tale of thwarted ambitions and betrayal.

THROWING THE HOUSE OUT OF THE

By Ben Richards Headline, £12.99 JAMIE COLLINS is the housing officer for a run-down East London estate, a job which involves him in all kinds of problems, such as the harassment of an Asian family by local racists. Jamie also has more personal conflicts when his girlfriend Helen leaves him and he takes up with louche Iona, whose promiscuous behaviour masks an underlying vulnerability. Then Jamie meets Ana Maria, a beautiful Chilean girl, and finds his world turned upside down. Ben Richards's accomplished first novel convincingly evokes the energy and angst of contemporary urban

■ & GILLIAN By Alvin Rakoff

Little, Brown, £12.99 IN Alvin Rakofi's moving novel. Robin, an American London, is married to Gillian who is diagnosed as having cancer. At first, she resists any suggestion that her illness is fatal. but this conviction becomes ever harder to sustain. Robin finds his own strength undermined by the need to put on a brave face. An encounter with a young woman on a trip to Paris seems to offer an escape — but Robin discovers

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that he is incapable of such a betrayal. Rakoff's unsparing account of bereavement is mitigated by his affectionate portrayal of married life.

■ LOOSE CHIPPINGS By Ian Ogilvy Headline, £16.99

TO FEND off the Inland Revenue, Frederick, Marquis of Steepleforth, sells his sprawling ancestral home to a shady American, the Rev Jim Pohackett, for a large sum. Mr Pohackett has designs not only on Graveley Place, his newlyacquired mansion, but also on the local village church, where he intends to find fresh converts to his own brand of fundamentalism. But of course he has reckoned without the peculiar apathy of the British in matters of religion. The author is best known as a television actor, and there is something of the television mini-series about this outlandish comedy, which pokes fun at a whole range of targets, from the British aristocracy to the American predilection for bi-zarre religions.

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Reconditioned Austen in good running order

EMMATENNANT has made a deserved success out of her sequels to Jane Austen. In Pemberley and An Unequal Marriage she revealed undreamt-of pitfalls in the careers of the Bennet sisters just when we thought Pride and Prejudice had them settled down nicely. Now it is the turn of Sense and Sensibility.

Aside from their romantic and financial anxieties, the Dashwood girls could be said to have led rather quiet lives in Austen's original. A sprained ankle or an unexpected visitor could be moments of high drama. The novel is long on reflection and evenings round the piano, and on the whole rather short on corpses and chicanery. But now that the sisters have been lionised by Hollywood, it was probably nevitable that their subseMARIANNE By Emma Tennant Simon & Schuster, £9.99

quent adventures should involve mothers-in-law per-forming Spanish fandangos on dinner tables, free-love communes of guitar-playing etarians and cannibalism in darkest Africa.

Restraint may have gone by the board in the plot development, but Tennant retains her gift for capturing Austen's tone and humour, and there is a mad logic to the wildest turn of events. The hints are all there in the original. Tennant simply lets them run.

Austen's happy denouement is shown to be a fragule one. Colonel Brandon, her only truly sensible character in the

promptly packed off on an errand to Wales where he remains for the duration of the story. Without his calming influence, Elinor's excess of restraint and Marianne's total lack of it prove completely unequal to fending off their rapacious in-laws and coping with the return of the scoundrel Willoughby. Everything

goes hilariously to pot.

Elinor and Marianne, like Sense and Sensibility in its first version, is written in the form of letters. It is not an easy form to get into, and perhaps a dramatis personae would have saved us from the clumsy references to "our half-brother John and his wife, Fanny But the telling is skilful and elegant, and much entertainment is to be had.



Guys and a doll: Katharine Hepburn stars with Cary Grant and James Stewart in George Cukor's comedy The Philadelphia Story — from Katharine Hepburn, An Independent Woman by Ronald Bergen (Bloomsbury, £20)

Just the ticket for the nomadic bookworm

Any colour as long as it's local a catalogue of travel reading that includes every genre of writing

HAVING founded the first dedicated travel bookshop in London, Sarah Anderson has now done us another good turn by compiling the first resource menu of Englishlanguage travel titles. Her known passion for the subject does not come through in her generally neutral style, so inclusion must mean tacit

Even travel professionals. who most often seem liable to get lost, should easily find their way around. The basic divisions are by continent, then alphabetically by country. Three separate indexes locate authors, titles and places. Works in print (when it

went to press) get a tick. Furthermore, in tune with the practice of specialist shops in recent years, she layers in

COMPANION By Sarah Anderson Scolar Press, £39.50

many more that never knew they were travel books novels, history, etc - but now have their exotic side stressed. See Naples and not only read Craufurd Tait Ramage's Nooks and Byways of Italy (1868) but Yourcenar's Anna. Soror, a tale of incestuous The difficulty with this cath-

olic approach, nice for browsers, is that the world is not a small place: the fiction, travelogues, politics, sociology and guides cannot all bed down in 550 pages. The jacket puff by Geoffrey Moorhouse calls it "exhaustive", but it is not. It could not be. For

In harmony: the San Carlo Opera House in Naples

example: the China quota is 120 titles, quite enough to ballast a journey, but only a fraction of the 2,000 housed in the China Club in Hong Kong.

The stream of fiction makes an estuary that leads to the open sea. It is irresistible to include certain imaginary

travel stories, so she chooses Robinson Crusoe and Lost Horizon (why not, then, Gulliver's Travels and 20,000 Leagues under the Sea?). But fiction that happens merely to have a strong local flavour, however tasty, such as a

science-fiction work on post-

holocaust Labrador, is usurping space.
It leads to curious anoma-

lies, such as the presence of Golding's splendid novel The Spire and the absence of his Egyptian Journal, a lesser work but all about his travel

down the Nile on a felucca. Checking my own shelves, I use that of the first 50 titles she includes 28. But I do not feel she has missed many great reads. Lord Byron is worth a better show, and his friend Hobhouse a mention. Eric Newby appears passim, but not my favourite. The Last Grain Race. The Huxley clan is there in force, but not anthropologist Francis Hux-Savages and of a good work on voodoo, researched in Haiti roughly when Greene was absorbing material for The

Anderson invites suggestions for future editions - a regular event, I hope.

ALEX HAMILTON

TEENAGE FICTION

Take care, it's a jungle out there

■ JAKE'S ESCAPE

By Robin Hanbury-Tenison

Red Fox, £2.99

THE FAMOUS explorer's first children's book, categorised here as "older fiction". has the effect of making any-one over the age of ten wonder how he or she would react to sudden danger. Kidnapped by Shining Path terrorists while on holiday in Peru, 12-year-old Jake escapes with little more than a packet of boiled sweets. Because of Robin Hanbury-Tenison's deftly injected knowledge of the dark, canopied forests, Jake's survival through terrifying adventures - from a close encounter with red piranha fish to maggots in the feet — seems perfectly possible. But the inspirational quality of this thrilling story is in the blending of a mysterious magic world with the development of a sympathetic

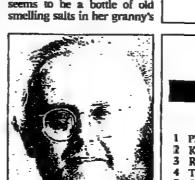
■ HAS ANYONE SEEN THIS GIRL? By Jean Ure Bodley Head, £8.99

THE TITLE refers to a newspaper headline, next to which is a truly horrible photograph of 14-year-old Rachel, looking, according to her former classmate, "like a startled parrot". The school misfit, Rachel has disappeared in contradictory circumstances. Could the awkward, ungracious girl really have a glamorous admirer? In this modern boarding-school story Jean Ure relates in fascinating detail the whole appalling epic of Rachel's disappearance. uncovering deeper reasons for her social isolation. Ure's canny enlightenment never flags

By Robert Swindells Doubleday, £9.99 HALF-WAY through this

book, I wondered how Robert Swindells was going to rescue his heroine, I did not realise that, stuck with the Jekyll and Hyde formula, he intended to leave her to her fate. At home, Jacqueline plays the good girl, running errands for pensioners and tidying up her room. Then she discovers what seems to be a bottle of old

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Swindells: no rescue

attic. One sniff and she goes wild, flooding a public loo, smashing up a greenhouse and reciting rude verses at the school concert. She has become Jacqueline Bad. The trouble is that, good or bad, Jacqueline is equally nauseating. As to what is in the bottle glue, drugs or whatever -Swindells is not saying. Thirteen-year-olds may conclude that she is fated for youth custody mainly because she has "sugar all to do".

MAUREEN OWEN

A doctorate in despair

ONE OF the many diverting minor characters in The House Guest is a very small, very straightforward woman called Shara, whom the hero, Robin Dromgoole, likes so much that when he sees her he thinks, "Good. There's Shara. Good." The sighting of a new book by Barbara Anderson has the same effect on her growing number of admirers.

The House Guest is part literary quest, part voyage of discovery; in some ways not dissimilar to Carol Shields's puzzler, Mary Swann, which, like Anderson's novel, sets an accomplished writer in rural isolation. Shields's Mary Swann writes poetry in rustic Ontario: Anderson's Alice O'Leary, the house guest of the title, gives up writing novels in

a New Zealand farmhouse. Dromgoole is studying Alice for his PhD and needs to know why she stopped writing long before she died 20 years before. Robin has a painful history: soon after their marriage, his wife, Lisa, died on a weekend trip into the bush, which is perhaps why Alice, "who specialised in despair" appeals to him so much. Also the fact that, as a small boy, he actually saw Alice, who was staying with his next-door neighbour, Miss Bowman, and left the house in tears.

The mystery of Alice's last years turns out to have a lot to do with Miss Bowman's niece. Emmeline, a skittery actress

standing and empathy. His

By Barbara Anderson

who, without being false to

Lisa, Robin has always loved.

Robin is one of the most

perously affectionate men in

literature. Although in his

darkest moments, he mutters,

"All slogging on. Crashing

about. Getting it wrong", he is

full to the brim with under-

Cape, E14.99

concern for Emmeline in her moment of crisis is cumbersome heartache.

Every character in this novel is a little masterpiece, brought to buoyant life in Anderson's idiomatic, jumpy sentences. This is a writer with flawless observation and an offhand knack of making you forget just how clever she

PENNY PERRICK

Gitta Sereny on mankind's complicity in slaughter, Credo. Melvyn Bragg's novel of the Dark Ages

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Simon Schama: unafraid of a broad historical canvas

ly visions.

LANDSCAPE AND MEMORY By Simon Schama

HarperCollins, £16.99 LANDSCAPES, according tu Schama, "are culture before they are nature". This historian has never flinched from a broad canvas, and here takes on the task of exploring the assumptions that influence our perception of the natural world.

Schama argues that even landscapes supposedly unlouched by human hand are in fact constructs: for Schama, "framing" a wilder-ness as a National Park makes it to some extent just as artificial as a landscape caught in a "Claude-glass" -

> the prosperous black community are grieving over the death of 11-year-old Mattie. in a lovingly detailed patchwork of memories and observations, Parker tells the stories of the members of the community. Parker's prose is precise and she effectively sets the novel's sense of the fragility and brevity of human life against the solid faith, work and traditions of a community bound by loyalty and common heritage. This is a novel that lingers in the imagination.

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By Robyn Sisman

AN OXFORD undergrad is

on the trail of his true father.

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■ AN INTERFERENCE By Russell Celyn Jones Penguin, £6.99

CELYN JONES travels deep into the heart of Welsh mountain life in the late 1930s. A young American private investigator is charged with discovering the secrets of the quarrymen; he becomes instead their elea fine match for the troubled spirit of the times.

THESE SAME LONG

By Gwendolyn M. Parker Penguin, £6.99 IT IS 1947 and in the North Beating about the Bushmen Justin Cartwright on a Swiftean

satire of our colonial legacy

BY WHAT I have gathered from your own relation. I cannot but conclude the bulk of your natives to be the most pernicious race of little odious vermin that nature ever suffered to crawl upon the surface of the earth."

Christopher Hope has taken Jonathan Swift's lines, and played out a wonderful and extended joke with them. The Bushmen of South Africa were once treated as vermin. A bounty of El was placed on their heads and they were

hunted virtually to extinction. Darkest England purports to be the log of the journey of David Mungo Booi, one of the only surviving San Bushmen. who is chosen to go to Eng-land clutching an illuminated scroll presented to his forebears by Queen Victoria, to see il that damp country is suitable for settlement. South Africa, it seems, still has no place for the yellow people, other than the back of police

The satire, however, is largely reserved for the Mother Country. In Swiftean style, Hope plasters it with well-directed ordure. From the moment he arrives in England, intent on meeting the Queen and requesting her M DARKEST ENGLAND By Christopher Hope Macmillan, £15.99

help. Booi runs into every known form of English double speak, hypocrisy and delusion, and quite a few more. When poor Mungo Booi is detained by immigration offi-

cers, he tries heroically to recognise the fabled qualities the benighted English. Eventually he is released into the care of an unfrocked bishop and his capacious daughter. From there, he is more or less kidnapped by a are fascinated by the condition known in anthropological circles as semi-priapism. There is no plot to speak of but a series of outrageous incidents, including, in homage to Swift, some business with an ostrich

What lends this novel dis-tinction is Hope's deft touch in his inversion of the rules and about and the dark observation of English society lies a the fate of the lost peoples.

in his understanding of the self-serving nature of Western beliefs. Underneath the knockdeep and humane interest in This book carries a big stick,

A vanished Ireland recalled in photographs from 1954



Hitting a festive note: the Dunne brothers of Limerick strike up at a hurling match one of the many striking images in Dorothea Lange's Ireland (Aurum Press, £19.95)

Love ages on the Vine

IT OPENS with a haunting sentence, repeated with variations, throughout the book: "The clothes of the dead won't wear long. They fret for the person who owned them." In Vineland, of course, this is not a mere passing reference to inherited garments. The Brimstone Wedding is about substituted lives; its characters are sad women who try for happiness by using emotions — and houses and husbands

He has discovered a snap-shot of his mother, taken 20 - that belong to others. years earlier, in the arms of Stella Newland is dying of lung cancer at Middleton Hall, a residential an unconfessed old flame. Mater is put on the horns of home in Norfolk for the comfortablya dilemma. In America, a off elderly. Genevieve Warner, her candidate ouo. unuma Supersunous hailed as Kennedy reincar-"care assistant", becomes her unlikely nated finds that his past has friend and confidente, the holder of got hold of his phone numsecrets the old woman has never ber and his career is on the revealed, even to her own children. line. Sisman has fictionalised her alleged affair with

JOHN GRISHAM allegedly earns more than a minor

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hover at a mere 100 million.

Fruits of the gin and tears in

Marcel Berlins finds a breathtaking

imagination at work in a mature vintage

■ THE BRIMSTONE WEDDING By Barbara Vine Viking, £16

Stella owns a long-neglected house nearby: Genevieve is its first visitor for more than 20 years. In the fridge, a bottle of champagne lies unopened; there is an oil painting of a woman in a pink dress and a faded photo of a couple in love. A red Ford Anglia sits in e. Out of these mondan accessories of past existence, Vine fashions a tender, horrifying mystery as heart-stoppingly exquisite as any-

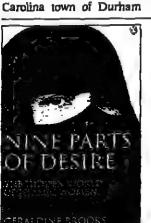
Slowly, through the two narrators Stella and Genevieve, the events of the past unravel, complemented by Genevieve's own emotional torment. After 13 years, of marriage to her boring dependable spouse, she has fallen for a rakish television producer, a newcomer to the village. The modern lovers hold their illicit meetings in Stella's house and bed - the very scenes of the dying woman's unfolding confessions ssion, deception and fear 30 years before. Past and present touch each other in other ways, too: a ploughing farmer evokes strange memories: Genevieve watches on television the old

films of the once famous, now obscure acress Gilda Brent, a crucial player in Stella's drama.
The graceful, meandering, leisurely

pace of the novel as Stella approaches a dignified death masks brilliantly the

explosive revelations to come. To say that the pieces of the jigsaw suddenly fall into place suggests a mechanical process in which scattered clues come together in some sort of neat resolution. Vine is far subtler than that. The story, beautifully written, emerges delicately, yet with shocking, ironic force and breathtaking imagination, as the unlikely parallel paths of the haughty old woman and her pedestrian companion finally unite. The last sentence, like the first, ends with a provocative thought on the

Two manuals to launch a blockbusting writing career



NINE PARTS OF DESIRE By Geraldine Brooks

Penguin, £7.99 AS A Middle East correspondent, Brooks found many stories were out of bounds to a woman. But when her stiletto-heeled PA switched to the black garb of fundamentalism, Brooks realised that the world of Muslim women was waiting to be investigated. The resulting book ranges from genital mutilation to women in fatigues. If the findings are alarming, the fine prose is quietly pointed: Muhammad himself condemned sex without foreplay as cruelty to women. Fascinating.



Clinton; unfortunately this

romantic thriller is littered

with cliches.

■ DEAD MAN WALKING By Helen Prejean HarperCollins, £5.99

HELEN PREJEAN was a Roman Catholic nun working with the New Orleans poor when she was asked to write to, then meet, a prisoner on Louisiana's Death Row. Although she abhors his crime, the rape and brutal murder of two strangers, she befriends this man, then another. Witnessing their executions convinces her that the death penalty is morally unjustifiable. Reasoned, compassionate and above all sensible, this book convinced me. It got a Pulit-zer Prize nomination. It should have won.

Contributors: Erica Wagner, Alison Burns, Lucy Lethbridge. Kate Bassett, Fiona Hook

How to sell a million

Brayfield: fascinating

miere, Turner's Companion is

constructively practical. A nuts-and-bolts manual on the

writing — "a sympathetic heroine is desirable", etc —

and the placing of category romance, children's books and

radio, television and film

scripts, its valuable advice is to

be found in the sections on

the small hours, riches and fame are there for the taking for the popular writer, offering comfort against the sneers of the literati and the notion embedded in the collective ether that if something sells it Macmillan, £12.99 cannot be good. After all, being cut to the quick in a BESTSELLER By Celia Brayfield penthouse is more comfortable than in a freezing Fourth Estate, E7.99

Not that either Celia Brayfield or Barry Turner imagines that their books will persuade the literary establishment down from its lofty and, by comparison, impoverished pinnacle. They are after results, even if, on examination, the divide is less profound than imagined. Brayfield defines a fiction bestseller as one that sells 100,000 or more, which leaves literary luminaries such as Roddy Doyle and A. S. Byan ricocheting between camps, a paradox neatly summed up by P. D. James when she described Jane Austen as "Mills &

Boon with genius". Although I take issue with the old chestnut that "a synopsis and sample chapter are all that is needed for a publisher to make a judgment", which is akin to being shown the storyboards at a film pre-

contracts, tax, libel, proofreading, copyright and hooking an agent, His gift is to make these boring bits palatable.

Much more ambitious and fascinating. Brayfield tackles the Zen of fiction bestsellerdom. Her premise that stories define a puzzling world and help to defuse our more primitive fears, the most significant continuing to haunt and nourish our imaginations, is based on a study of how myth works through cultures. From there she constructs her methods of story shaping, research, narrative techniques and, of course, style. The less spatially minded might recoil from the mind maps and charts but few will disagree with the stern but excellent advice on dealing with inhibiting lears, family intrusions, the urge to stuff

chocolate and the knockabout trauma of being published. No writer should permit the rebel and risk-taker to be beaten out of them. Rules should be broken occasionally, and the responsibility to write living, breathing novels capable of making us laugh, weep and marvel rests with the author. Nevertheless, from the GCSE student upwards, writers and readers will enjoy this bold and illuminating tilt at unravelling the mysteries of the popular novel. Even, per-

haps, the literary novelist. ELIZABETH BUCHAN

A used husband is no bargain

WHEN the four Preston sis-ters are still young children, their mother accidentally runs over their baby brother, Steven, and kills him. Racked with guilt, she goes nuts, withdraws from the family, leaves Boston for London with her local gardening group, and dies there.

Naturally, Mrs Preston leaves her daughters a legacy emotional dysfunction. With a withdrawn father who fishes and womanises in almost equal measure, the Preston sisters have to fend for themselves in life and love, which they do with rather

unhappy consequences.
Underconfident Meg marries a divorced, priggish academic, and inherits not only his awful sons but weekend casseroles from their drippy mother. Capable Amy marries firstly a dissolute hippy who leaves her holding the baby. and secondly a man with a daughter from a first marriage to his zany childhood sweetheart. Acerbic Beth shuns commitment altogether, preferring casual sex and whisky. And sweet Leonora (there is, incidentally, no explanation as to why she is the only sister not named after one of Louisa M. Alcott's Little

Women) fails in love with a

By Cindy Blake Simon & Schuster, £15.99

man still married to a woman who wears electric blue and has murderous tendencies.

If Second Wives sounds laughable, it is because it is meant to be. Cindy Blake is a gifted comic writer, and Second Wives is an energetic and spirited comic novel. It is melodramatic and over-sentimental, yes, but it is also enormous fun, and what sets it apart from many of its sibling blockbusters is Blake's intelli-

gent and razor-sharp wit. She has a good ear for quick-fire dialogue (one or two of the sparkiest exchanges put me in mind of scripts by the great Nora Ephron) and groovy, grouchy Beth is a wonderful creation: her ceaseless one-liners are not only wildly funny but a good antidote to schmaltzy statements such as. "Love means never looking over the guy's shoulder for someone more interesting on the horizon", which should really be left out of all books, at all costs.

Great fun, but a word of advice for prospective second wives: it is not a manual.

MARY LOUDON

BOOK NEWS

NCR's prize shortlist

Speer and Simon Shama's Landscape and Memory are among a dozen titles on the long shortlist for this year's £25,000 NCR Book Award for Non-Fiction. Shama won the £10,000 W. H. Smith Literary Award only last week.

Announcing the list, Jeremy Paxman, the chairman of the judges, said: "We have chosen an exciting cross-section of British non-fiction. Picking only one will be a nightmare." Picking even a dozen was no easy task: they had a record 146 submissions.

The prize, previously known as the AT&T, is reverting to its old name: the sponsor, the business computing company, has changed its own name back to the NCR Corporation.

The other shortlisted titles The other shortlisted titles are Vera Brittain: A Life by Paul Berry and Mark Bostridge: Francis Drake by John Cummins: Millennium: A History of Our Last Thousand Years by Felipe Fernandez-Armesto: Mukiwa: A White Boy In Africa by Peter Corbidin: Gladitons by Boy Godwin: Gladstone by Roy Jenkins: The Railway Man by Eric Lomax; Byzantium by John Julius Norwich; Accountable to None by Simon Jenkins; Dear Dodie by Valerie Grove, and Rebel Hearts by

Paxman oversees an adjudicating panel that includes the bookseller Sue Butterworth, the author Nick Hornby, the journalist Cristina Odone and the historical biographer and author Andrew Roberts.

AFTER the Penguin 60s, another smart new marketing tactic from Penguin - Ste phen King's new thriller, The Green Mile, is being published in six monthly instal-ments, at £1.99 each, starting next week, and he has still not finished writing it.

■ YOU won't get to the White House or Downing Street as a successful author but you will certainly be able to afford suites at the Savoy or the Pierre, to judge surveys this week.

Only two authors — Germaine Greer, at No 36, and Helen Gurley Brown, at No 72 - made The Times Magazine's list of the world's most powerful women, which concludes with the top 25

today. Yet 22 authors made The Mail on Sunday's survey of Britain's top-earning women, with Barbara Taylor Bradford (reputedly earning £19.7 million) on top and Rosamunde Pilcher (fourth with £3.9 million). Delia Smith (sixth at £3.4 million) and Ruth Rendell (tenth at £2.9 million).

Authors on the rise were crime novelist Minette Walters (fortieth on £735,000) and romantic writer Josephine Cox (sixty-first at £441.000). There were 31 businesswomen.

FERGAL KEANE'S Season of Blood, a moving account of the Rwandan massacre which he reported for the BBC, has won the Orwell Prize for the best political book of 1995.

■ EVER wondered how to make a million out of your first novel? Two young Ameri-cans who have done just that are starting a whistle-stop tour of Britain next week, handing out free advice and instant criticism. Chuck Hogan and Craig Holden, authors of The Standoff and The River Sorrow, will be visiting bookshops in London, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Manchester and South-ampton. At Dillons, Trafalgar Square, on Monday, they will be offering instant value judg-ments on prospective authors' first chapters. There is a cash first prize of £100. Only £999,900 more to go and you are in the club.



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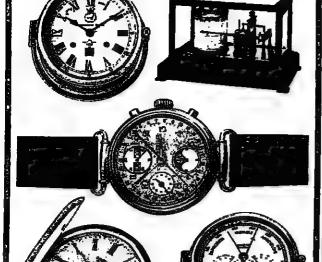
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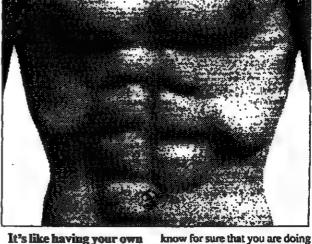
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Rustic rules for new recruits

he country is fashionable agen. Good-lifers and downshifters are being tempted to leave the sophisticated ity and go simple. Take Kevin and andora Maxwell, the downshifting super-couple who have move out of Chelsea with their five .nd a half children. Maybe a 16bedroom house would not seem much of a downshift to most, but thee things are relative.

The troube is that incomers to the country stick on like a black paten stiletto in a farmyard it takes heart to be abumpkin. You may bu yourself the four-bylour plus labrador, bit if you don't like etting either of then muddy it's no good.

Detail is ill. Learn to live with mud, and add convictin to your country lifesyle with a few key bys. And steer clear if the car

Super-coil shopping mall tids turn into Swalbws and

Amazons in he country. Store their wellies, an yours, on a welly dresser. Sivana (01488 684444, £139 plus deivery) does them in old pine — twoshelves and a drawer. They comefully assembled. Flatpacks are for townies who shop at those out-onown superstores that look as thugh they came flatpacked therselves.

The antiqued effect is what you're after generally. It is a look that is good for dos and children — and you should et about acquiring lots of both as son as you go rustic because thy can't make it look much morebashed about than it is already. Ditressed and antiqued is nearly as good as family

Rubber-boted friends may want to brush 'er. off and take 'em off at the door. Tie National Trust does an ironwork and bristle scraper for £24.95 and a stout wooden boot jack for £9.50 (from its shops or via delivery service on 01225 705676). Practise using a hoot jack before you do it in public - it is very easy to topple over and lose your country

If you must wash your boots, remember that real country people rinse them off under the outside tap or tackle them in the Belfast sink.

Wonderful things, Beliast sinks. The big ones are big enough to take

an Aga roasting tray (see later for

country cooker credibility) and

perfect for cutting and preparing

flower arrangements. They're the

huge white fire-clay jobs that

country incomers with no heart

have been ripping out for years,

and their builders have been seiling for about £80 (according to my

Broken ones are great for stand-

ing next to the herb garden and growing mint in. For a new one

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tripping around your borders clip-ping blooms and laying them in a traditional trug slung over your arm. Sussex Trugs in the village of Herstmoneeux claims to be the original maker of these shallow split-word baskets. They're made of willow with chesmut handle and rim. (Sussex Trugs do mail order on 01323 832137. Prices range from £8.50 to £58.30.)

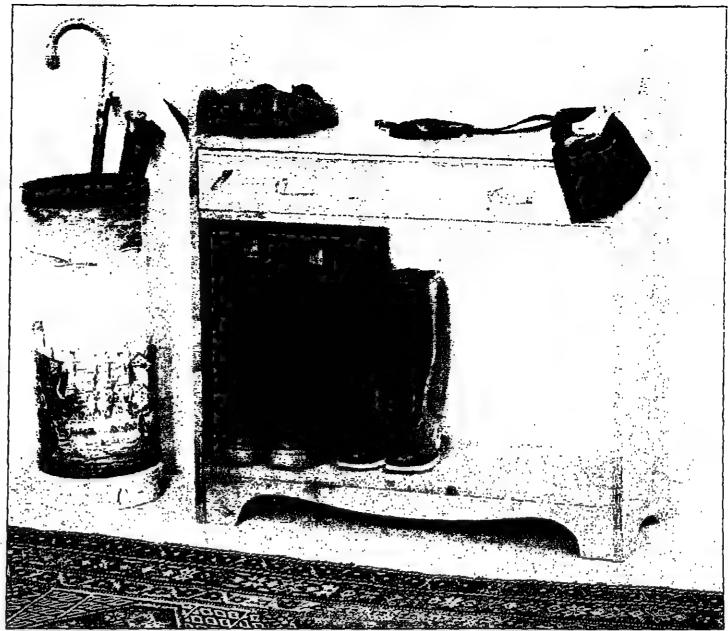
The Aga saga runs and runs. But these kitchen stalwarts were going long

before Joanna Troilope described her first vicar's wife. Mine is cream and 30 years old. These days they come in several rich colours and run on solid fuel, oil, gas or electricity. They are warm friendly monsters - solid and simple to cook with. There are two and four-oven models, ranging from E3,575 to E6,900. After all that fresh air, your Swallows and Amazons will huddle

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If you have a cooking range or a wood-burning stove putting out lots of kitchen heat, use it to dry your clothes. You need a Victorian airer, which is now becoming fashionable in suburbia, where ornamental jugs and china pot-pourris are hung on them. Yours will be a working airer. Hang it above the cooker or stove, where it will darken up nicely and maybe even bend a little, and use it to dry all those chunky sweaters you and your family now live in. (Domestic Paraphernalia, 01253 736334. Airers from £35.) Dry herbs from your garden on the airer, too, but ave out the trinkets.

Not that you can't have a little ornamental fun in the country kitchen. Pigs, cattle and sheep are



One of the most important buys is a welly dresser for storing those muddy boots (this one is in old pine from Stevana, £139 plus delivery)

acceptable. The National Trust does a great farm clock with all three (£38.95) as well as a Gloucester Old Spot dustpan and brush made out of stained pine (£15.95). Keep off anything with cats — they are awfully urban. Country house umbrella stands are for walking sticks, shooting sticks, sword sticks, anything but brollies. If you get wet, take comfort, and a snifter, from your tippling stick. Past Times has a wooden one with brass handle for £14.95 (01993 770440).

According to a countryman I know it takes the breasts of two dozen pigeons to make a good pie. You could find out just how good a pie by keeping your own birds in a dovecote. Mike Butcher makes them by hand in Wreningham, Norfolk. They start at £95 and go up to £208 for a four-floor, 12-nest job. He does pine and oak (WGF Dovecotes on 01508 489347). Real country people would think nothing of killing the young squabs to eat, but if you'd rather let the birds

live rent-free, no one would know. Apart from the mud, it is the blood that many former townies find difficult to take about the countryside. You may not feel easy with a fox's brush hanging next to your inglenook or fancy a pair of antlers in the hall, but you're safe with moleskin trousers. The name implies that some nasty fate has befallen Ratty and Badger's best

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antique fishing tackle covers almost anything: rods, reels, creels, anglers' knives, guteyed flies and cased fish. John Stephenson, an angler, became so hooked by the collect-ing bug that he left his job as sales director of Kwik-Fit six years ago to set up The Tackle Exchange at Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, dealing in new and vintage fishing tackle.

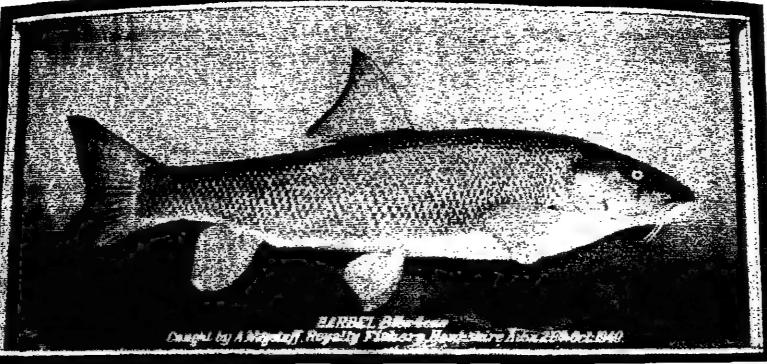
Angling has been his passion from the age of seven, when his elder brother took him lake-fishing in Perthshire. But now, landing a silver reel at auction is as thrilling as lifting a prize barbel from the nearby River Dove.

More than 100 reels sit on Mr Stephenson's shelves and he has another display behind his shop, regularly topped up ing-nets, gaffs and fly-boxes. Even lures, designed as throwaways but now worth up to lead weights and hooks send ripples in the market. Mr Stephenson started his

collection by chance: "I was roach-fishing in a canal when I saw an old chap nearby who was distressed because the eve had fallen off his split-cane rod. I fixed it for him and, in return, he offered me an

intriguing wooden rod." Mr Stephenson's walls are lined with cased fish, including carp, rudd and trout, which lie entombed in glass boxes amid gravel and reed. Cased fish are popular collectables. A 3oz gudgeon from auction for £5,000. "A gudgeon is a good find, as it's rare to stuff such a tiny fish," he

One case contains a brace of sea trout - one a 17-pounder - caught, as the inscription reads, "by N.B. Spurway of Leicester, 1932". The angler was a record-holder in his day. A collector offered me the case, and a second one, for £500," Mr Stephenson says, "and I had to have them. I drove to Walsall, got lost, and so did the collector. In the end. we agreed to meet at a



An 8lb 4oz barbel, stuffed and mounted by J. Cooper and Son, London could cost up to £800. A mounted 3oz gudgeon recently fetched £5,000

phenson uses vintage tackle.

self a "fanatical fisherman and

collector". He thinks most

Mr Stephenson calls him-

motorway roundabout. It was worth all the hassle."

The original taxidermist's labels hang inside the case. along with the flies that ensnared the fish.

For anyone thinking of starting a collection, Mr Stephenson recommends Nottingham reels, which are relatively easy to find. Originally made in Nottingham in the 1830s, these wooden, 3-4in beauties were used for float and coarse fishing.

n years gone by, all reels were handmade and expensive. "Reelmakers were also clockmakers, skilled in filing pins and making grooves, and used to working in brass. Rods were often custom-engraved," Mr Stephenson says. In the 1930s a rod would cost the equivalent of six weeks' wages for a working man; in the 19th

century it cost a year's pay. Part of his fascination with antique tackle is seeing how hundred years ago you'd soak



John Stephenson with antique kit

the gut, dig for worms and

other bait, and cycle to your

destination. Later you would

clean the tackle, hang the lines

to dry, and rewind them."

With today's hi-tech gear, this process is mostly eliminated,

though sometimes Mr Ste-

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vintage creels (a fisherman's basket), cased fish and even vintage tackle collectors are avid fishermen; and even anflies have been faked. glers who are not collectors Mr Stephenson's 18th-cenhoard things that might be tury wooden tackle includes

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items that look like winemaking equipment. One oddlooking device from 1750 is known as a "pirn", used in Scotland for harling itrawling

a set of lines). A 1750s leather

creel resembles a gourd. An

iron winch has its original black and white horsehair line. Tackle manufacturing took off in the 1700s. Now, as collecting becomes more popular, prices are increasing. A late 19th-century 4in aerial reel, made of ebonite with an intricate spoke drum spinning like a gyroscope, cost £200 two years ago and would now fetch £500. Hardy is a brand name to look for established in 1872, it threw its lines across the

British Empire. Hooks and their original packets, from the 1840s, cost ust a few pounds today, as do the gut-eyed flies, which look like colourful wisps. But for Mr Stephenson nothing beats the thrill of fishing: "Not long ago I caught my first 20lb pike." he says proudly.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS



GROWN-UR can relive their childhoo today in Ilkley. Yorkship, where the Andrew Hartle antique toy auction includs a rare Meccano No 10tet (estimate £600-£800), doll and a large rocking horse. Pices start at

CAST-OFFS from the family seat of themarquesses of Bute, Mountsuart House, are being sold in Glasgow by Christie's Scotland on Mon-day. The 340 terms range from a massie Japanese bronzed urn u £10,000-£15,000 to a colurful painting of wild fowon the coast by Edwardian plinter Archi-bald Thorburn at £10,000-

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A brisk stroll through the country, or in town, helps relaxation and improves health. Dr William Bird found that many of his patients who took up walking benefited significantly

The pathway to fitness

method of fitness chosen by Baroness Cumberlege, the junior Health Minister — is not a compulsory part of the Government's litness campaign unveiled this week. Nor. strictly, is going for a walk. But vigorous exercise" having een replaced officially by "moderate activity for 30 minutes a day five times a week", the health benefits of a regular, brisk walk have a solid new scheme can tell you precisely how much good that

walk is doing you. When Dr William Bird went walking in the Chiltern Hills around the Oxfordshire village where he works, the footpaths were empty, and it troubled him that a vital, and free, resource in preventive treatment was so underused by his patients. "All these benefits, which help to reduce high blood pressure, the risk of a stroke, heart attack and ostenporosis are on our doorstep.

He decided that it required something more than the standard advice to take exercise that he and his colleagues gave to their 71,600 patients at the Sonning Common Health Centre, near Reading, Berkshire. People knew that walking was healthy, but how healthy? And how often, how far, and how fast should they be walking for fitness?

They needed a new type of literature, not only telling walkers about an old priory they might be passing, but calculating the calories and METs - metabolic equivalents, a standard unit used to measure forms of exercise — that they expended as they passed it. A MET is measured by the amount of oxygen used

per minute per kg of weight. It has been a staple detail of car advertising that model X. driven at speed Y over a given distance, will consume Z amount of petrol. So why not a leaflet for walkers showing how the body performs when it's out for a spin?

Walks, with funding from the Countryside Commission, whose remit includes encour aging people to walk. He researched ten local routes, mostly under four miles, and divided them into two types.

"Hard top" walks are pavement routes in residential areas suitable for wet weather. after dark or in winter. "Soft top" walks use local footpaths, and are graded into four levels of difficulty. Both walks are intended to be fitted in after or other free time.

Dr Bird commissioned a series of colourful leaflets giving an artist's view of a walk based on an aerial photograph. The walk is described stage by stage, with detail on local history and nature. This is part of the holistic nature of the project. "It can help relaxation and give people a sense of belonging to their commun-ity." Dr Bird says.

What sets the leaflets apart from the standard walkers' library is the fitness table (see graphic, right) which Dr Bird levised with advice from Dr Adrienne Hardman of Loughborough University. This helps walkers to calculate the

energy expended. To assess the value of the scheme. Dr Bird is running a series of one-mile walks to test

fitness levels in 106 patients aged over 50, though the Health Walks are not confined to that age group. The first was held last May. Fifty-eight patients were retested six months later after increasing their walks, and having received no individual advice. Seventy-five per cent of men and 66 per cent of women showed "significant" increases

in fitness levels. One finding is that a 20minute walk taken within 12 hours of - before or after - a of triglycerides, the harmful lats in the bloodstream, by 25 per cent. In short, fat will be digested more efficiently if the person takes a walk.

The amount of exercise that Dr Bird recommends is therefore in line with the targets announced by the Health Education Council on Tuesday -30 minutes' exercise five time a week. He says walkers should exert themselves enough to become slightly breathless. but not so much as to interfere

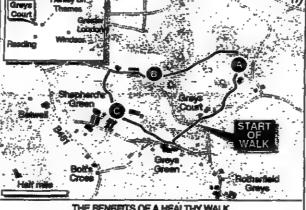
with conversation. Grant aid and sponsorship by local companies have not met the £13,500 cost of the scheme, so the centre is having to sell the walks in packs of ten

for £10. So far, 200 packs have been sold. Dr Bird intends to pass on

the idea to other GPs and, to

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see the expansion. He hopes it might become a national project within five years, with a target of 2,000 Health Walk schemes throughout Britain

by the millennium.

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GARETH HUW DAVIES

Walking in Rotland, page 21

ANN HOLT. a 59-year-old retired midwife, took the fitness test last May.

"I was horrified that I was the second most unfit," she says. "I thought, 'I can't be -I swim once a week and do aerobics'. But then I also used to drive to the library and the shops."

She now walks two miles a

day, five days a week. "I keep that up in winter except in the snow, I meet lots of people 1 haven't seen in years. It is very sociable." When she was retested she found her fitness had im-

proved by IS per cent, "I feel

ten years younger. I'm more

PETER BROWN



alert. I feel a lot better and

GORDON HARRIES, 64, regularly walks the path at the National Trust's Grey's

Court estate in Oxfordshire, where he is custodian. "I certainly feel the benefits - there is no doubt about it. I've lost a stone. People

seem to have forgotten about

walking. They go to gyms and swim, yet we do similar actions on a walk, climbing

NICKY NOAKES is 28 with three children, the youngest four months old. She had always been fit, playing squash and running but, with the onset of motherhood, walking seemed an easier option.

"I don't get so tired now." she says. "I can fit walking around everyday life, go with friends and also take the children on my back. I do see its effects, particularly after the third pregnancy."

A coat of many colours



The magpie: enjoying a pinta

IT HAS been known for a long time that blue tits will attack milk-bottles. pecking the caps and drinking the cream. Now a new villain of the

doorsteps has been unmasked: the magpie. In the latest issue of British Birds, there is a report of a magpie in Southampton drinking milk from a bottle of silver-top. The Great Anti-Magpie Lobby will

be delighted to have fresh ammunition to use in its campaign — but I am not a member of that group. Only the other day I was watching a magpie with particular pleasure. It was feeding on the ground (as it usually does), and the early morning sun was bringing out its amazing glossy colours. It is not really a black and white bird, though it looks like one at a distance.

On this bird. I could see the purpleblue back and the glimmering green crown, the brilliant blue wings, and the shining bronzen-green tail turning pur-

Feather report

ple at the tip. It was an exotic spectacle. Magpies have been providing another striking spectacle recently. They have been gathering in flocks in treetops, chattering noisily, then flying off in a single line.

What is the purpose of these gatherings? Now that magpies are so numerous, many of them fail to get hold of a territory to breed in and are condemned to remain unmated for the rest of the season. They live in loose flocks, wandering about looking for food. The prevailing view is that in these gatherings they put on aggressive displays, involving much raising of crown leathers and pulling up of white shoulder-leathers, in order to

establish a pecking order. fully set themselves up as pairs in

breeding territories are now beginning to build their bulky nests. They like to build in a thick tree or tall bush, and they make their nests of thorny twigs. lining them with earth and a little mat of roots. Both sexes take part in the construction, and the female lays several blue or green eggs mottled with brown.

I like to watch them when they are building. They are slow, clumsy flyers at the best of times, and when one of them has a long stick held crosswise in its beak it really struggles through the air. With its long tail, it looks just like a flying cross of Lorraine.

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he Comessa 32 is back. The many admirers of one of the first acknowl-"classic" libreglass yachts are celebrating the return to production of the elegant cruiser-racer at its original builders for the first time in 14 years.

Jeremy Rogers, who collabrated with David Sadler on he original design before building 450 at his yard at Milford on Sea in Hampshire, believes there is enough demand to justify going back into production with a starting price tag of £59,750 before VAT. In the healthy secondhand market the boats sell from around £20,000 to more than £40,000.

Judy Evans-Ruffell, the class association secretary, who runs a lively social and racing calendar for Coniessa owners, is delighted at the arrival of the first of the new generation, Wild Call, in blue and "It was royal white. ahead of its time when first built and has proved to be possibly the

Although modest, the Contessa. with its fine ends and sleek coachroof is an attractive and comfortable cruising home. They are fun to race, as evidenced by the wall-supported annual national championships and the admission

of Contessas in their own class at Cowes as far back as 1975.

The rugged design has attracted an ambitious breed of sailor who cruise them all over the world and survive some of the worst conditions imaginable. A Contessa was famously the only yacht to finish from class 5 in the disastrous Fastnet Race of 1979, proving a more seaworthy crait than many bigger, more illustrious racing yachts.

Among recent achievements was the single-handed 1.700mile voyage to Fremantle, Western Australia, by Jo Hunter under jury rig after her boat was dismasted in the Indian Ocean: and the survival of inshallah last year after Hurricane Luis tore through an anchorage in St Maarten in

the Caribbean. On board Wild Call earlier this month in the Solent, I was

struck by how light the boat seemed as she clipped to windward in a gentle easterly off Yarmouth. The yacht is a joy to sail, easy on the helm and has a genuine sea-keeping feel. She is well balanced, her long fin keel giving good performance to windward. She can be over-canvassed without getting uncontrollable. As we ran down towards Hurst Castle under spinnaker. Mr Rogers explained how the

new version, although still within class rules for racing. benefits from 25 years of experience with the design. We've been doing a lot of refurbishment of the older boats in the past four years," he says, "and this has given us the opportunity to see where we can make improvements.

The cramped engine compartment has been enlarged to allow easier access. The galley comes with a custom-made Ouantum worktop, replac-

ing the old wood and formica. There is a double sink and better fiddies on the locker doors under the deckhead. Mr Rogers has managed to find

more space around the chart table, the lid of which is hinged in two CONTESSA 32 Length overall: places, enabling it to be either fully or Length on the waterline: 24h. half opened. The solid teak saloon Draught: 5ft 6in. wood inlay has been dropped a further inch to im-

prove headroom. The saloon has a comfortable, if spartan, feel, largely as a result of the white liner on the roof. On Wild Call it would have been a lot roomier but for the high half-bulkheads forward of the chart table and galley which tended to divide the space too much.

Wild Call certainly looked the part as we brought her alongside in Lymington Yacht Haven after a gentle outing on sunny day. Mrs Evans-Ruffell has no doubt that orders will flood in for the new boats. "The Contessa and her owners are a bit like the MG sports car and its owners association. The people who have them take pride in own-ing a pretty boat."

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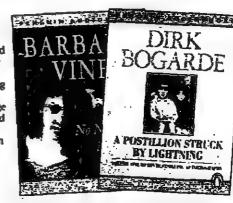
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Burma's tourist dilemma

Is it right to take a holiday in a country run by a despotic

junta? Yes, says

Peter Hughes

Tragedy and comedy wear the same masks in the benighted nation of Burma. If there is a twinkle in the eyes, the mouth grieves; if there is a smile on the lips, the eyes shed tears. It is a country that has been plundered, morally and economically, by the demented General Ne Win, who seized power in 1962. Although he stood down from the presidency 14 years ago, he has continued to pull the strings of the junta from behind the gun emplacements of his villa on the outskirts of the capital, Yangon (formerly Rangoon).

Ne Win is a lunatic in the astrological sense of the word, a man so superstitious that when an astrologer told him that right was better than left, he instantly ordered the nation's traffic to move from the left to the right side of the road. In homage to his lucky number, nine, he summarily replaced 50 and 100 kyat notes with denominations of 45 and 90. No warning was given nor compensation paid to those with savings in the old money.

The country is governed by the State Law and Order Restoration Council, SLORC for short, an acronym that could have been drawn from a lexicon of preposterous names for ruthless dictatorships. In 1990, to universal surprise, democratic elections were held. To the surprise of no one, except the regime, the main opposition party. led by Aung San Suu Kyi, swept the board with a three-to-one majority. So shocked was the Government that it disregarded the result and placed Aung San Suu Kyi under house arrest. in 1991 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and was released last year.

Such caprices might almost be comic were they not accompanied by brutality. Recently, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights published a catalogue of abuses - torture, executions, forced labour, rape, politically motivated arrests and detention.

Economically Burma, or Myanmar as it wishes to be known, is slumped in the middle of the UN's list of the ten poorest countries. And this is a nation, rich in minerals, which once grew enough rice to supply its neighbours.



Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, says tourists should stay away from Burma until democracy reigns

On another whim, because they do not have the infrastructure to support it, the generals have declared 1996 to be "Visit Myanmar Year". The question is, should anyone visit such a country?

Tourism Concern, an organisation set up to prod the conscience of anyone who ignores the damage tourism can do, says no. Tricia Barnett, the director, claims tourism itself is contributing to the ill-treatment of the Burmese people. Tourism development in Burma is associated with gross human rights abuse, such as displacement and forced labour." She quotes Aung San Suu Kyi's call for a halt to investment and for tourists to stay away until democracy is restored.

In the past 12 months I have made

two visits to Burma, one last month for The Times. Presumptuous though it may be to dispute the views of a Nobel Prize winner, i nevertheless believe that as many people as possible should visit the country.

o do the teacher and lawyer I met in Mandalay. The worst times, they told me, were during the years when the generals themselves were deterring tourism by restricting visas. Then, when the country was isolated, the people felt forgotten.

Travel is not simply an economic commodity: some of the worst excesses of tourism have occurred because people have been allowed to think that it is. Still less is it a truncheon with which to rap the knuckles of the regimes we disapprove of, however detestable. Tourism, which ran uninterrupted to Eastern Europe in the 1970s, no more prolonged Soviet communism than it hastened the end of apartheid in South Africa or prevented the massacre in Tiananmen Square.

Tourism is about people as much as it is about politics or the balance of payments; it is one of our freedoms, both mine and the men's I met in Mandalay. To stay away from a country on principle may make you feel better but it may well make the people living there feel worse.

■ The author was Editor of ITV's Wish You Were Here. . . ? for 20 years.

Holiday happenings from around the world

BRITAIN's first theme park hotel has opened at Alton Towers, Staffordshire, in a blur of fantasy, chocolate and fizz. The 175-room hotel, part of the Tussauds Group, has a travelling theme, with a live-storey Jules Verne-style flying machine in the atrium, a reception desk constructed from lost luggage, and travellers' artefacts in every corner. The park itself is a short walk or monorail ride away.

Sweet-toothed guests who want more than the standard rooms — from £100 for two adults and two children, B&B can plump for the chocolate room in Dairy Milk purple, sponsored by Cadbury and with a free supply of Quality Street, or a fizzy drinks room with Coca-Cola on tap. Honeymooners may prefer the Arabian Nights suite, with trompe-l'oeil wall paintings, or the flowery Princess suite, both from £200 a night.

 Alton Towers,
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including Alton Towers —

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GOING FOR GOYA THE 250th anniversary of Goya's birth is being celebrated with a series of events throughout Spain. About 180 of his works will be on show, including Majas clothed and unclothed in Madrid's Prado Museum, until June 2. His works on paper (as sed to canvas), and including original engravings and lithographs, will be on show at Madrid's National Library from June 25-Sept 20. For details, call the Spanish National Tourist Office, 0171-499 0901.

. AND GOA THE Indo-Portugese charms of Goa and unspoilt Kerala have been teamed by Inspirations

Hotel with fizz and fantasy



COMING SOON: a l6-page, feature-packed, Passport to Australia supplement for tourists, travellers and backpackers vill be published with The Times next Friday

(01293 822244) in its winter 1996/97 programme. Both states have superb beaches. A fortnight's two-centre B&B holiday, including flights, starts at £814. A week in Goa starts from £394 per person or from ES67 for 14 nights in Kerala. BALTIC PASS

THE new Baltic air pass, one of the first from former Iron Cur-tain countries, is available to people booking tours using the

Air Baltic Gatwick-Riga flight, This enables them to fly between Riga, Helsinki, Vilnius and Tallin, for £29 a sector. Visas not required by British passport holders. Tours and passes can be booked from Regent Holidays,

TROJAN TREASURE

A TOUR to examine Trojan treasures smuggled out of Tur-key at the end of the last century and discovered in Moscow in 1993 is being offered by Martin Randall Travel (0181-742 3355). The week's tour, in October, takes in Moscow's Pushkin Museum, Istanbul's archaeological museum, the Trojan site and harbour, and Gallipoli. The cost is £1.795 half board, including

return flights. FRENCH LEAVE

SELF-CATERING Motorail packages in France are offered by Eurovillages (01606 734400) at reduced prices in May. A family of two adults and two children under || heading for the Club Merigouin in the Dordogne will pay a total of £638 for seven days halet accommodation, including the Dover-Calais crossing, Motorail to Brive with couchette, and return. The same family heading for the Côte d'Azur and taking the Calais/Avignon Motorail would pay £916, with a weeks' stay at Latitudes Holiday Village at Les Issambres.

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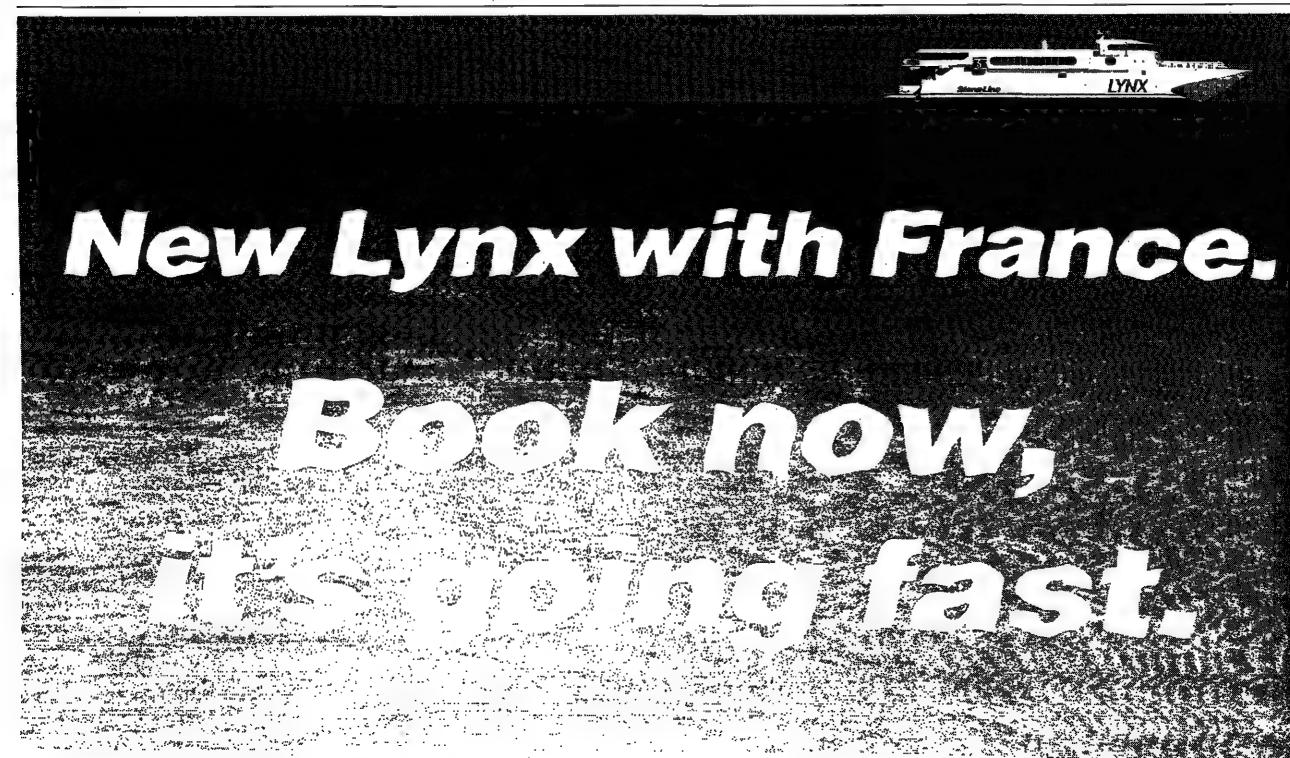
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Legoland clicks into action

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The 150-acre site, on the Windsor to Bracknell road. kshire, has 17 rides, from a traditional carousel and ferris wheel to self-drive children's cars and a canoe ride which climaxes with a plunge down a flume. Other attractions (21 in all) include a politically correct circus (no animals), magic theatre, gold-panning area, pupper theatre and a cathedral to Lego, where fans can build dinosaurs, houses, cars and people. A Lego version of Tower Bridge, using 100,000 pieces, took 500 man hours to build. Legoland opening times, loam-opm daily (8pm July and August). Closes on September 29 for winter. Prebook on 0990 626364; adults £14, children £11. On the gate prices: £15, children £12



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Snowstorms in cyberspace

boarders too have good reason to slide around the Internet. They can save money and book later for a herter chance of good snow conditions. More information is available more instantly than ever before. But electronic access is no guarantee of accuracy.

"Within hours of the first snowflakes falling in the Alps, our phones were ringing off the hooks," says Susi Johnston of Alpine Answers, referring to the big storms in mid-February which saved this snowstarved season. And Ms Johnston is just one of many ski industry professionals to report an extraordinary sensitivity to snow reports this winter.

People are becoming amazingly adept at halancing snow depths with the rise and fall of package prices," says Ms Johnston, Analysis at mainstream operators Crystal and Neilson agree. This has been the season of late

Skiers realise they can save hundreds of pounds playing the waiting game. But to win, they have to be experts at information technology.

The tour operators are anxious not to tout their cut-price deals too openly, neither wanting to antagonise the early bookers who paid full brochure prices nor to encourage the mass of the market to lie in wait too long, witholding

Often, special deals are brokered through specialist agen-cies only, such as Alpine Answers, which collates offers from scores of operators, or advertised only at the last minute. The coming medium for late offers is the Internet," Ms Johnston says.

So far it is not tour operators hawking holidays but ski reand snowboarding gear and the tourist offices of the Alpine countries, apart from Italy, which have taken enthusiastically to the Internet.

Access to accurate information on snow conditions is the secret of successful late booking, since rock-bottom offers are often a byword for brown pistes. Getting first news of major snowstorms means being able to book before prices rise to reflect deeper

But when it comes to snow reports, who do you trust? Blackcomb mountain at Whistler, Canada, has the ultimate Internet answer. It is installing cameras on the slopes for live online video feeds. Mammoth Mountain in California. one of the most wired ski resorts in the world with three Internet sites, already has one web page dedicated to slopeside images from its "weather cam"

In theory the Internet promises the most immediate access to accurate snow reports. Cross-checking claims made by a tour operator with a resort or national tourist office should provide some

At the end of the day, however, data is only as reliable as its source. Snow reports and other resort claims advertised on the sites of Swiss, Austrian and French national tourist organisations are input exactly as tourist directors send them in. I have seen more than one

tourist director send snow reports back to be "done again" by ski holiday reps, who depend on the goodwill of resort directors for free rooms. board and lift passes. Chalet company staff are equally motivated to take optimistic

The Internet promises no reprieve from the basic principle of computing - garbage

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compilers of snow report pages for national tourist of-fices are beginning to complain privately about "unrea-listic" snow depths on the Internet pages of certain re-sorts in the Alps.

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Live pictures from the slopes are one way to solve the problem. But it is more the variety of services and their immediate access than the accuracy of snow reporting that the Internet excels at. An Internet skier can dial up a resort to book a ski lesson, pass or hotel room, zoom into runs on a piste map and check

restaurant menus. America is leading the way when it comes to Internet bookings. The National Ski Areas Association there reports that II per cent of its member resorts can handle credit card transactions for accommodation and other services. European resorts lag far

n North America, resorts have set up competing pages on the World Wide Web. Entertainment in the form of multi-media video and music dips shows skiers and snowboarders flying through the powder in full colour. But these images can be time-consuming for owners of older computers with moderns slower than 28,800

Switzerland, France and Austria have taken a more nationalistic approach, including individual resorts in massive sites of thousands of pages dealing with general tourism.
Skiers can already take

tours of the pistes online. Soon they will be able to take virtual tours of chalet accommodation. But for the moment using the internet requires a great deal of patience, waiting for images to appear on screen and searching through hun-dreds of pages for a pay-off.



Electronic access to snow reports belps skiers to choose their destinations more carefully

THE Internet is not the only computer-based source of skiing information. Resorts are starting to issue CD-Rom discs instead of press dossiers. Several computer guides to ski resorts have appeared, mostly in America. They all have user-friendly databases and video graphics no book can compete with.

Britain's first on-screen ski guide threatens to make the two best-selling books, The Good Skiing Guide and Where to Ski, obsolete. Travelbug Software (01932 224008) offers 190 ski resorts and package holiday prices from 30 tour operators, in full colour, at the

On-screen guides

same price or less (£14.95) than its print competitors. The Travelbug will do what no book can - once you tell it your skiing ability and price range, it will inform you which tour operator's holiday and which resorts are ideal for you. It can even calculate extra costs such as ski school, lift passes and ski hire. No guidebook shows snow depths resort by resort, month by month. But Travelbug does that as well as providing a weekly index of tour operator prices for each resort. What it lacks are detailed full-colour piste maps to replace the small and poorly printed ones in both best-selling British

Travellers to America should check out Media Odyssey's SKI-CD, a comprehensive travel planner to 450 ski areas in the USA. However, its 800 direct-dial numbers to specific resorts will not work from the UK. Unlike Travelbug, SKI-CD includes sound and video clips as well as piste maps and photographs. SKI-CD costs around £10 and is available from Modyssey@aol.com or by phoning

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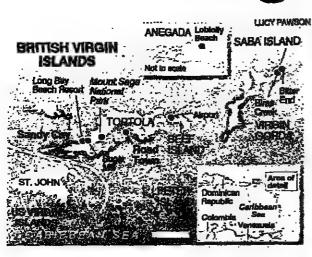
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Sailing into a rich man's world



bout halfway down the harbour front in Road Town, the capital of the British Virgin Islands. I found the sort of restaurant no resort should be without. This is the Cell Five Lounge, where a notice on the pavement offers the "Best Breakfast in the Caribbean", Sumptuous Dinners", "Fantastic Drinks", "Great Lunches" and a "Steel Band" every Thursday.
This immodest selection

might pull in the crowds but the best bit comes at the where guests are warned: "Sorry, we do not cater for people in a hurry." At last, the place I have been looking for all my life ... a slow food joint. Those who fancy a holiday where the pace of life is gentle need look no

The same might be said of the entire BVIs, an attractive litter of islands off the eastern coast of Puerto Rico - but you have to be selective. To stay on one island might not fill up the week, to dash about the lot would be to miss the whole point of the place. The best plan is to decide what you like doing and visit those islands

best suited for that purpose. The islands are perfect for honeymoons, sailing or just hanging about. That much is obvious on arrival. There is a great deal of swooning going on, the sea is carpeted with vachts and, when it comes to hanging about, the attractions of the BVIs are almost too numerous to mention. However, apart from the standard Caribbean joys of blue seas and sunny skies, these islands offer something that is hard to find — solitude. On a BVI beach, two really is a crowd and these beaches stretch for miles on every island, sandy and safe.

This marvellous absence of crowds is explained by the fact that most visitors either arrive by yacht, stay on a yacht or go yachting. Sailing is one of the main activities. I usually get queasy walking on wet grass but I found myself on the Thalassi, a 90ft schooner which comes complete with a crew in designer T-shirts, tak-ing a day-sail around Tortola for lunch off Sandy Cay. Another attraction is the

food which, if not cheap, is always good and heavy on local seafood. If you like lobster, then dinner at the Suger Mill hotel on Tortola or an alfresco lunch at the Big Bamboo beach cafe at Lobioliy Beach on Anegada Island has to form part of the holiday. Exploring the BVIs is fairly easy. Ferries, motor boats and

light aircraft ply between the islands and travelling times are short - just half an hour by sea from Tortola to Virgin Gorda, a 12-minute hop from the Beef Island Airport to the most far-flung island, Anegada Most of these side trips begin on Tortola, the main island of the group, home to the capital, Road Town, the Sage Mountain National Park - a good place to visit for hill walks and rare birds such as the pearl-eyed thrasher, which stubbornly

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Balmy days: Cane Garden Bay, Tortola, the main island in the group, which is ideal for family groups and those who like a little entertainment

refused to appear — and hotels like the excellent Long Bay Beach Resort, the base for my two-day stay.

Tortola's other attractions include Bomba's Beach Bar, which keeps erratic hours, the Suger Mill restaurant, a num-ber of small, colourful yachting ports and the local specific, a rum-based drink known as a Painkiller. Tortola is ideal for family groups and younger people who need a bit of

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nightlife, so a couple of days at in the pool or exploring the Long Beach will do for Tortola before moving on to Peter Island.

Peter Island is a resort island and a haunt of the jet set, with just one hotel, a few villas and many regular guests. A couple I met in the har were on their 20th visit. There isn't a lot to do on Peter Island so I spent a day dozing on the beach, dining on lobster in the restaurant, taking dips

potential of the beach bar. where the arrival of our small party doubled the daily takings. A few days doing nothing on Peter Island was beginning to feel like a very good idea when the Thalassi. slid into the marina and took

me off to Sandy Cay.
Sailing on a fully catered yacht for a day is a marvellous way to acquire a tan and discover how the rich live. If BVI yachtsmen are anything to go by, they live extremely well. As one retired millionaire remarked on Peter Island: can't buy happiness are shopping at the wrong store." This cruise displayed a good range of islands, green outcrops in a clear blue sea, and the following day took me to Guana.

moon island, very small, quiet and rather wonderful. It has one delightful hilltop hotel, seven empty beaches, which plummet into the sea like broken umbrellas. Apart from walking, snorkelling and watching the pelicans, there is not a lot else to do but relax. Getting there from Tortola takes only ten minutes by speedboat but most people who go there never want to

days on one island you want to move to another one, and everyone in the British Virgin Islands insists that visitors go to Anegada.

flat. arid and typically empty, just three miles wide and only 27ft above sea level, a place for people who like to get away from it all. To get there usually requires a short flight from Tortola because Anegada is fringed with reefs which make sailing there tricky, although they make the snorkelling and bone-fishing superb. To get about you need a mountain beach cases serving freshly caught lobster, and just one fine hotel, the Anegada Reef Hotel, a centre for expeditions on and off-shore.

The last major island of the roup is Virgin Gorda, which does not belong to Richard Branson: he owns Necker Island, a mile or two offshore. Virgin Gorda looks a bit like mine, lots of splendid beaches and big, smooth rocks. It also has two resorts that make any stay memorable - Biras Creek, a hotel on a hill which looks a bit like a castle, and the larger resort hotel of Bitter End, consisting of cabins set on a hillside above the marina and the central bar and restaurant. It also has easy access to

Island-hopping can become

offshore, home to Feather, the dancing parrot, centrepiece for some lively

evenings.

The BVIs have all the holi-Anegada is a real coral atoli. day assets - sun, good food, turquoise seas, friendly people, empty beaches and no crime. Whether you want to sail, go there on honeymoon or just relax, the islands are hard ROBIN NEILLANDS

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3517). A week at Long Bay Resort on Tortola costs from £778 (extra days from £31) excluding meals. A week on Peter Island costs from EL096, with extra days costing from £74. including flights and transfers but excluding meals. A week on Guana costs from £1,922, extra days from £192, including all meals. Caribtours also offers holidays at Biras Creek and Bitter End on Virgin Gorda from £1.417 per person, including all meals, flights and transfers. Flights from Tortols to Anegada cost \$50 (E31) return. Further information from Caribtours or the BVI Tourist Office (0171-240 4259). A useful publication detailing BVI facilities and attractions is The Welcome magazi available from all the main hotels and the BVI Tourist Office. ☐ The BVIs have including the wreck of the steamer Rhône, the centre for a maritime park off Salt Island. Other Parks unseem Sage mountain parks on Toriola and the Diagrand Cay and Great Tohago seabird sanctuaries. Scub diving and snorkelling are superly, details from Dive BVI on Virgin Gorda or Peter Island, or the UK Tourist Office. Car rental is available around \$25 (£15) a day. Drivers must be aged 25 or over and have a full UK the accepted local currency. Air departure DRX \$8 (£5). ☐ The islands enjoy good weather throughout the year, with temperatures staying around 90F, with little

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trobes of lightning pierced the darkness. electrifying the mass of the Hindu Raj. The lamps flickered and dieo. Within seconds, the jovial manager of Chilas's finest notel was at my side, bearing light and comfort. This is nothing." he grinned, his face blue in the neon glow. "During the monsoons the guests were stuck here for a week."

Chilas is a rest stop along the Karakoram Highway and not a place in which to linger. In the Kohistan region forbidding mountains offer sanctuary to all manner of bandits. Each village hoasts a "killing tower", the better to take pot shots at enemies. It used to be called Yaghistan -Land of the Ungoverned and old habits die hard.

Cocooned by Irfan, our guide, and Muzamal, our driver, we marvelled in safety at this primitive otherness. We were travelling northeast along the Karakoram Highway to the Khunjerab Pass in an air-conditioned minibus. Twenty years ago, the region was accessible only via perilous jeep tracks.

This stretch of the KKH opened in 1978; 685km of road blasted through the mountains of the Northern Areas of Pakistan at a cost of 800 lives (some sources claim 2,500). Centuries-old graffiti carved into the rocks from Gandharan Swat to China mark the progress of Buddhist pilgrims and merchants along this branch of the historic Silk

Today, the journey is still difficult. Muzamal sped through an earthquake zone where the valley narrows to a sheer granite gorge and the Indus sluices 500m below. The view is breathtaking, if heartstopping. Signs warn of landslides, and a little farther on the roud has been potted by a

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rockfall. The Sisyphean task of keeping the KKH in passable shape falls to the Frontier Works Organisation, which logs details of all foreigners braving this route. Naturally, there are no guard rails to thwart the will of Allah.

Then a miracle occurred. We rounded a bend and the claustrophobic pass yielded a speciacular panorama - the junction of the mighty Hindu Raj. Karakoram and Himalayan ranges spread like ramparts across the horizon.

Formerly a collection of princely states, the Northern Areas are in the limbo of dispute - claimed by Kashmir but administered by Islamabad. A babel of tongues can be heard in the tribal hotchporch of the regional capital, Gilgit Town: Shia and Sunni Muslims gather here, with occasionally explosive results. Then, of course, there are the

*Someone had better go with you," warned Irfan when I announced a shopping trip to Gilgit. He was taking no chances. It seems the 19thcentury obsession with spies lives on. A burly chaperone was appointed and we set off through the metropolitan shanty of the Cinema Bazaar in search of carpets, jewellery and scarves.

I loved Gilgit, with its buzz of intrigue and romance. I loved the oh-so-un British polo matches, virtuoso free-for-alls

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played on dusty ground to the accompaniment of pipes and drums. I even enjoyed the unforgettable drench-andfreeze experience of whitewater rafting on the glacial Gilgit River, secure in the knowledge that warmth vaited at the hotel.

We forged on into the magical land of Hunza, stopping to gather garnets which rain down a mineral-studded seam of rock, Serrated mountains, eight of which soor above 7,000m, dominated the drive. We passed abandoned villages perched high on crumbling outcrops which time will plunge into oblivion. The capital, Karimabad, 1km above the highway, is accessible only by

espite the Hunzakuts' legendary longevity - the result, apparently, of a daily diet of apricots and gold-rich water — I saw no old crones. Instead, I saw women for the first time in 300km. They were brightly dressed and lightly veiled over handembroidered pillbox hats as they skipped across dizzying.

slatted bridges.
Stockpiling for winter, they
collect vegetables and fodder: in a patchwork of colour tomatoes, spinach and pumpkins are spread on the rooftops to dry. Inside, extended farnilies huddle in a single room.

commerce. The effects of Star

TV and the burgeoning hotel industry lie not far behind.

But once among the yaks on the remote plains of the

Khunjerab Pass, any such

fears evaporate. At 4,700m, I

stood lightheaded on the high-

est paved road in the world.

Journey's End. Our guide,

resplendent against the yel-

lowing wilderness, was in the

traditional Hunzakut costume

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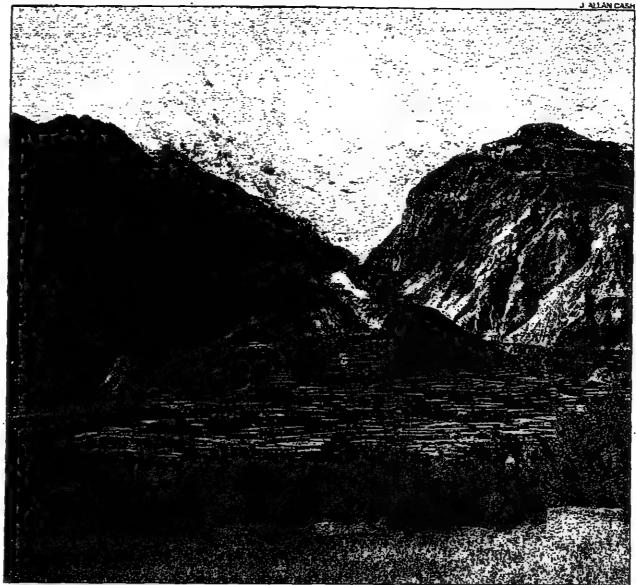
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Rakaposhi's peak soars over the Hunza Valley, where garnets rain down mineral-studded seams of rock

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A Few Days in Rajasthan

ting upat down, packing and unpack-ing every day. Nor are some of those people consoled by the beauty of the place when balanced with the discomforts and the lack of facilities in the remoter areas. This tour there-fore is designed to be leisurely and comfortable within the context of Indiannalisms to explore three major areas in depth, allowing sufficient time for independent agentseeing or simply to relax in the shade of a

Our time acy commences with a lightfrom London Heathrow to Delhi oratwo-night stayat the Hotel Kanshka. During our stay visits will be reade to both Okland New Defri and n particular the Red Port and the advens-designed centre of the city. from Delhi we travel south to Agra where the route allows a glimpse of the Indian countryside, for a one-night stay in the Ashok Hotel, our hase or visiting the Taj Mahal.

We continue our exploration of Rajasthan by travelling to Fatchpur Silori where we thake a short visit. before proceeding to Jainur and the Ashok Hotel for a two-night stay. In laipurwewill visit the Amber Port by elephant before returning to Delhi for the last two nights before our return to London Heathron.

Day I Inthernorming depart with Royal Jordanian Airlines from Lon-don Heathrow via Amman and fly through the night arriving in Delhi the fellowteen services.

the following morning.

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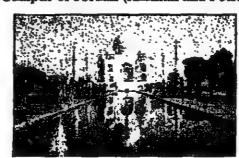
Day 3 Delhi - our exploration we visit Humeyun's tomb and furthe pirmacle of the Qut'b Minar. In the afternoundrive to Old Delhi taking in the Jama Masjid mosque, the Red Fort, and trace the path of the Indian Mutiny with a visit to Skinner's Church and see the Kashmir Cate, Metcalle House, the first Regal Lodge (now part of Delhi University), the Civil Linesandthemumorial to thou

Day 4 Agra - after breakfast we depart by road for Agra, 125 miles from Deltiallowing usabrief dimpse of the Indian countryside and village life. We stop at Silicandra to visit the tombol Aldar, Completed in 1613, it ombines leatures of both Hinduson Moslem architecture. Shortly after

Day 5 Agra - this morning make a tour of the city and visit the Taj Mahal for a close inspection of the

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afternoonwecommencetheretu:rjour neyto Delhi travelling by road and arriving in the late afternoon. Day 8 The whole day is free in Detha Day 9 There is an early morning transfer to the airport to board the at Heathrow in the afternoon.

Udaipur Extension You may, if you so wish, extend your visit in Rajasthan by two nights to include a visit to Udaipur. The itinerary would then be as follows: Day 7 Udaipur - fly from Jaipur to Udaipur and transfer to the hotel, Day 8 Sightseeing of Udaipur, Day 9 Ply from Udaipur to Delhi

a two-night stay. Day 10 The whole day is free. Day I 1 Fly from Delhi to London

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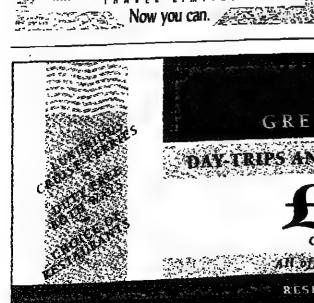


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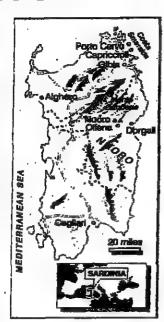
When life is an empty beach

n island with some of the best beaches in the Mediterraneau – as well as a wild. mountainous interior, sun-shine from May to October, inexpensive accommodation and good food - ought to be high in the British holiday top ten. Yet Sardinia has few visitors from these islands which, for those British who do go, is part of its charm.

Paradoxically, the money poured into and the publicity

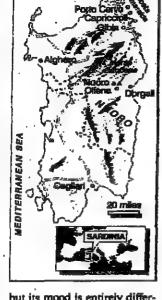
generated by the best-known part of the island, the Costa Smeralda, may have de-creased Sardinia's appeal by persuading us it is only for the very wealthy holidaymaker. This part of the northeastern coast, with custom-built villages, marinas and glamorous hotels, can be a very expensive destination. Or it can provide a two-week self-catering holiday for four, flights and car included, for just over £500 a

Capriccioli, on a headland at the southern end of the Costa Smeralda about 45 minutes' drive from the airport at Olbia, is not far from Porto Cervo, the coast's glitzy boutique and boat-laden "capital",



but its mood is entirely different. Here there is one quiet hotel, several private villas, a mini market, the self-catering

Bang on one of the prime Mediterranean coasts, it is peaceful, informal and private, and you can dine in the



relaxed restaurant of the Hotel Capriccioli without breaking the bank. In early June last year the sun shone, the sea was warm and the residenza was virtually deserted.

in July and August, when the mainland Italians arrive, Residenza Capriccioli's 30 single or two-storey houses and

tennis court will be considerably busier. The aim of the residenza is to combine the benefits of self-catering and hotel accommodation, an idea which particularly appeals to families; there is a reception office and staff but unless you need their help you will only see them when picking up

and dropping off your key. Inside, the houses have white, rough-cast walls, tiled floors, fragrant furniture of wood, iron bedsteads, efficient bathrooms and kitchens (all bave washing machines, some have dishwashers). Outside, most have a small, shaded garden with a

table at which you can eat and stone paths wind between the houses to the shrubby macchia that leads down to the sea. The beaches and the hotel are a five-minute walk nway.

For the mountains you will

have to travel further, to the province of Nuoro, the heart of the island, also known as Barbagia because the Romans called its vanquished but not subdued citizens "civitates barbariae". This is a region not only of mountains but also barren plains, forests of holm oak, chestnut, hazelnut, holly, oak, juniper, the homeland of shepherds. It is two and a half hours' drive from the Costa Smeralda (there is a slower, prettier route off the motorway) and although Nuoro, the chief town of the area, is described as "a well-known tourist centre", it doesn't feel like it.

H. Lawrence on hîs journey through Sardinia in 1921 said there was nothing to see in Nuoro and this was a compliment. Even though the town now has a folk museum and has turned the former home of Grazia Deledda, the second woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature, into a shrine, there is still nothing to do in Nuoro other than enjoy it. Walk around the old quar

ter or up the Corso Garibaldi to shop for pecorino, to stop for an espresso by the Il Tempo newsstand on the Piazetta del

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The idyllic scene at one of the beautiful, unspoiled coves on Sardinia's Costa Smeralda. Beyond the beaches, in the heart of the island, is the mountain greenery of the Nuoro region

Nuoro is a hill town beneath Monte Ortobene; the smaller town of Oliena, about 15 minutes' drive away, is overshadowed by Monte Corrasi and, just off the narrow road from Oliena to Dorgali, the Hotel Su Gologone looks out over a plain from the foot of soaring limestone hills. The hotel takes its name from the nearby spring, which feeds its swimming pool, and its threestar comforts make it a good base for exploring the region.

Or you could happily spend amid bleakly beautiful surroundings. As well as its pool, the hotel offers a very good restaurant, two tennis courts and Land Rover or horseback outings (it has its own stables) into the wilds of Barbargia. Some rooms, which are

scattered across the grounds with interconnecting walkways, have large private ter-

races for sunbathing, reading, listening to the bells of the goats as they come down from the hills at dusk. This was once bandit as well as goatherd country, and it may still be. When we arrived the hotel was full of young men in military-style uniform; we were told they were policemen from the mainland, here to investigate the kidnap of a businessman in a nearby town. Not an urgent investigation, apparently, as they spent most of their days around the pool.

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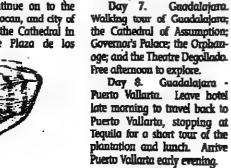


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Weather: late May, June, September and early October are seasons which

Sardinians consider cardigan weather, but sunbathing and swimming can usually

Hotel Su Gologone offers good views

be guaranteed. These also happen to be the cheaper low seasons. July and August will be very hot inland.

Festivals: Sardinia has more than 1,000 festivals throughout the year. At many you are offered a traditional hunch and wine tasting. For a list of festivals and their dates, call the Italian State Tourist Board's brochure line (0891 600280; 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p at all other times) and ask for their Traveller's Handbook

Reading: D.H. Lawrence's Sea and Sardinia (Olive Press, £6.95) describes his sea journey from Palermo to Cagliari and then through Sardinia; much of the interior of the island seems to be little changed. The Insight Guide to Sardinia (APA Publications Ltd., £12.99) is usually available at airports and gives good background information, travel tips, small maps and guides to the four provinces of the island.

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A rootle round an ancient county

merged on a stony Rutland Water, looking curiously like a moored ship. I climbed aboard to find that ionnes of concrete have been pumped into the crypt to prevent it from sinking, and that the nave and transept now house the Normanton Church Water Museum. Its purpose: to explain all you could ever want to know about turning 3.000 prime agricultural acres into a lake the size of Windermere.

As an engineering project, this is a doddle, apparently. You simply build a dam and pump water into a valley. But that's reckoning without the

impact on the people you intend to flood, especially if they are the middlest of Middle Englanders. The story gave me plenty to muli over as I strode westwards ong the perimeter cycle and foot path, to begin my ten-mile rootle round Rutland.

it all began in 1974, when Edward Heath's Local Government Act ordered that England's smullest county be swallowed whole by its neighbour. Leicestershire. The double whammy was completed when, hot on the heels of this affront, came the decision to build the massive "Empingham Reservoir" to supply the burgeoning towns of the East Midlands with water. Two villages (Nether and Middle Hambleton) were to disappear forever.

The cry of the Rutlander was heard not only in Leicester town half, but in Westminster. Border signs of the colonising county were torn down and Rutland's own defiantly erected, complete with ancient coat of arms and motto proclaiming Multum in Parvo (much in little). Rutland's identity became the symbol of opposition to the reservoir.

They lost the war though battles were won along the way, such as changing the name to Rutland Water. But nowadays, even the most diehard Rutlanders will reluctantly admit that benefits have

surfaced out of the destructive waters. The path follows an incontestably heautiful lake, its bays and inlets blending into the hillscape as if it were as old and as natural. And who could begrudge the peaceul anglers hunched over their rods



like Jeremy Fishers? Or the windsurfers ripping silently across the surface like brightly-coloured tropical insects?

The village of Edith Weston, once about as far away from watersports as it is possible to get in Britain, is now home to the Rutland Sailing Club. Cleats were clinking on aluminium, in a marina full of dinghies with swaying mosts.

Not that Rutland Water is a sporting free-for-all. As part of Anglian Water's policy of "balanced, sustainable tourism" for which it boasts an EU environmental award, motor boats are banned, and sailing is restricted to about half the take. The rest is for the waterfowl and other birds which dive, wade and nest at the other end of the lake.

The perimeter path took me to the edge of one of these wetland areas, which has been fenced off as Lyndon Nature Reserve. With a daily permit (£1.20, students and children 50p) from the Lyndon Visitor Centre, I was free to wander down soggy. arcane trails, canopied with greenery, to the marshy shore. A wooden hide looked out over this swamp of lagoons and shallows where the River Gwash flows into the reservoir. The peace was broken only by the occasional whirring of wings followed by a screech or a splash.

After losing my way down a dead-end trail and sinking almost up to my knees in squelch, I left the reserve and crossed the lakeside road to take a footpath signposted with an acorn emblem, over the fields to Wing. As the trail crossed the Peterborough to Birmingham railway. the village of rightly clustered, honey-coloured cottages topped with Collyweston roof tiles came enchantingly into view. Here was another face of Rutland, which was probably typical of the antediluvian shire — a sleepy village shop and post office, rose-covered contages, and a squat church with a thick, block-like tower.

Wing's particular curiosity is a medieval penitential maze said to be one of only three surviving in England. Carved out of turl, it is rather like a giant version of a child's comic book puzzle. The idea was that sinners could do penance by finding their way, on their knees, to the centre, praying as they went. I thought up a

few things to be contrite about (easy enough), and had a go. I can reveal that on your knees, without the bird's eye view you get standing up, it is far more

So, unabsolved, I made my way to the Cuckoo Inn for a pint of Ruddles (brewed in nearby Langham) and met a trio of oldtimer Rutlanders with firm views about county status and the reservoir.

The consensus was something like this:
"We'll never forgive the loss of the two
villages, though in the end Rutland Water
has turned out not too had. But if it hadn't been for us locals putting the pressure on. it would all have been very different. And Rutland must be officially its own county again." In fact, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, last week granted Rutland the status of a "unitary authority" from April 1, 1997. From Wing, another cross-country path

to Lyndon passed grand, clock tower-crowned Lyndon Hall and the thatched cottages of former estate workers, before a long avenue of oaks and ashes led back to the lake. Few places can be quite so redolent of the Middle English squirearchy.

I traced my steps back along the perimeter path to Normanton, pondering on what would have happened had Rutland Water chosen, or been allowed, to host theme parks, water slides and fast food restaurants instead of nature reserves, sailing and hiking trails. Would Rutlanders have come to terms with the course of history so easily?

MARTIN SYMINGTON



Normanton Church rises proudly above the water like a curiously moored ship



The ten-mile walk (fairly simple): Follow the lakeside path westwards to Lyndon Nature Reserve. Go through it, then retrace foottrance, and turn right for the track up to the main read. the footnath marked by an acorn sign through the fields, cross the footbridge over the River Chater, and turn right at the first foot crossing over the railway. A few hundred yards on is another crossing. Go over this and continue into Wing. The maze is well signposted. The Cuckoo Inn is on Main Street. From street and carry straight on until you cross the first level crossing. At the Chater bridge, turn right onto a well-signposted foot-path through woods and here, follow the avenue back to the crossmads, Re-turn to the lakeside path and follow it to Normanton. Allow five telsurely hours with stops.

☐ Hambleton Hall Hotel (01572 756991), opposite Lyndon Nature Reserve, is a Doubles from £115 B&B. ☐ Lyndon Nature Reserve is open weekends 10am-ipm in end of April, and doily during the two-week Easter break. Then daily 10am-4pm (except Monday) May to the end of October.

☐ Normanion Church Museum is open daily Ham-4pm from March 30 to September 29. Adults 60p. children 30p.

☐ Rutland Water Tourist Information, 01780 460321. ☐ Pub Walks in Leicester Waites (Countryside Books, E4.95) is available locally. ☐ Ordnance Survey Path-finder Sheet SK 80/90

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HILARIA

(c) A festival in honour of Cybele, celebrated at the vernal equinox. The neuter plural of the Latin hilaris cheerful, whence hilarious and the hilary terms at the older universities. "April Fool's Day resemble Hilaria of ancient Rome (March 25) and the Huli

(a) A spiny, evergreen shrub or tree of the genus Zizyphus, especially Zizyphus spina-Christi, belong-ing to the family Rhamnaceae, native to north Africa and south-western Asia and bearing edible fruit. Laurence Durrell, Clea, 1960: The nubk forms the

ent circular Muslem Paradise. METTWURST

(a) A type of smoked German sausage. The Deutsch name. "Mettwurst can be found in the form of a small sausage ("ends") or a horseshoe-shaped Westphalian ring. Very heavily smoked, lightly spiced, no gartic-Mettwurst is eaten cold, sliced, but is also very good poached, sliced fairly thickly and served with boiled potatoes and cabbage." KHATAK

(a) In Tibet, a scarf presented to visitors. From the Tibetan ka-bidgs, a scarf of salutation. The traditional ceremony of exchanging white silk khataks, scarf tokens of goodwill usually decorated with swastikas."



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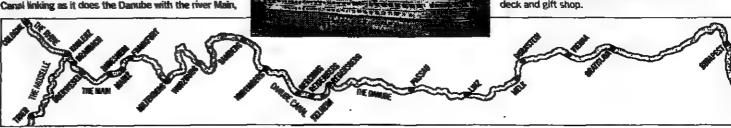
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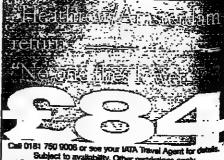
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Cast adrift on treasure islands

The Seychelles are truly a box of delights. All dramatically different, even their names are seductive - places where anything might happen - Mahe. Silhouette, La Digue, Bird Island.

Bird Island. Now there is something really special. Half an hour's flight north of Mahe in one of the all, twin-engined planes used for island-hopping in the area, and there it sits. Alone in the brightest blue ocean you have ever seen is a coral island of such perfection that it takes your breath away. The size of Hyde Park, it has a white sand beach all the way round, a lush growth of coconut palms in the centre - and a small grass landing strip for the aircraft.

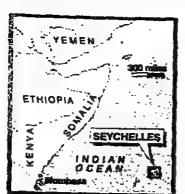
There are 24 discreetly placed bungalows, each with all mod cons, including king-sized, four-poster beds. Much of the food in the lodge where you eat is freshly caught fish and, during our stay, one of the guests came back from an early reprning fishing trip with a 30016 due marlin. That was the good news. The bad news was that we had to leave before large chunks of it were prepared for a barbecue a couple of nights later.

If peace and isolation with the basic comforts of civilisation considerately provided are what you seek, there can be few places to rival this.

There has only been one hiccough in recent times. The children of George and Margaret, the couple who manage the island, were given rabbits as pets. Behaving as they do, the rabbits multiplied alarmingly and began burrowing all over the tiny atoli including the airstrip.

It became so dangerous for the aircraft that, during a closed period on Bird Island, a licensed marksman was brought in and, over a 14day period, he shot more than 500 rabbits. There were no survivors.

And the birds? Oh yes, there are birds. One-and-a-half million sooty terms come to nest between May and October. Throughout the year



there are curlew sandpipers, Indian mynahs. Mudagascar fodies, plovers, egress and many more. It is also home to an elderly chap rather perversely called Esmeralda - at 200, reputedly the world's oldest

You can base yourself in a smart horel on, say, the biggest island of Mahe and enjoy the spectacular scenery, the varied beaches and the snorkelling and scuba-diving. But the alternative that we pursued was to stay in smaller guest houses exploring some of the other islands. Which is how I found myself on Silhouette — a 15-minute helicopter flight from Mahé.

Silhouette is another treasure from the Seychelles' box of delights. They say that many pirates were buried here and, of course, lots of

Unlike Bird Island, it is mountainous and largely covered with rainforest. There seems to be an almost permanent crown of clouds set on its highest peak. There are no roads, just a few tracks, and it was while following one of these through the trees at the back of the coral-encrusted beach that I had a weird experience.

I was suddenly aware that the trees were filled with thousands of sleeping fruit bats. The trouble is that I have been watching too many horror films for, like a vamoire. I was not throwing any shadow on

the ground.

All right, the sun is directly

middle of the day, but on the doorposts of the cottages of nearly all the island's 200 inhabitants, they had scrawled JHS - Jesus mme sauveur — a prayer to ward off evil spirits.

La Digue is different again. The fourth-largest of the islands, it has a small network of roads and tracks to get you from one beautiful beach to another by bicycle or ox cart. It was here that they shot part of that fashionable 1970s soft-focus, soft porn film Emmanuelle. The large thatched mansion with the broad verandahs where many of the scenes were set is still there - but not open to the public. They don't much talk now about Emmanuelle especially as the President of the Seychelles, Albert René, has occasionally used it as a weekend

ou can get to La Digue in half an hour by bost from Praslin (pronounced Prarlin), an island with just a few fishing boats bobbing in its vast natural bay. But it is the second-largest island in the Sey-chelles and, at its heart, is the world heritage site of the Vallée de Mai national park, filled with palms, pines and giant ferns, much of it untouched virgin forest with just a narrow track meandering through.

My visit to the Seychelles finished memorably in great culinary style. Along the way there had been wonderful fish dishes of huge red snapper, marlin, creole dishes of spicy pork, curried chicken and On the last night in Mahe, Alain

St Ange, politician-turned-restaurateur, hosted our table at his Bagatelle restaurant, one of the island's finest. There was bouillabaisse, lob-

ster, crab, mussels and sensational fillet of beef. Scotland eat your heart out. This was imported from

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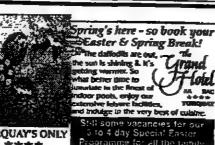
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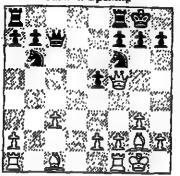
CHESS

by Raymond Keene

THIS weekend marks the 50th 23 Rbd1 e4 anniversary of the death of the 25 Qb4 a5 world champion and supreme attacker Alexander Alekhing, His games have proved an inspiration for generations of grandmasters. He is the particular hero of Garry Kasparov, "I fell in love with the rich complexity of his ideas at the chessboard," he once said.
"Alekhine's anacks came suddenly. like destructive thunderstorms that crupted from a clear sky,"

This game from the 1937 world championship, in which Alekhine regained the title from Max Euwe, shows Alekhine's tempestuous siste. Alekhine's queenside pawn structure is broken up, but in compensation he has the bishop pair. It fascinating to see how he launches a series of thunderbolts to deflect Black's attention from his own prime target on the queen's flank. To start comes a typical Alekhine shock, placing a bishop on a square where it can be explured.

White: Alekhine: Black: Euwe World Championship, 1937 Catalan Opening

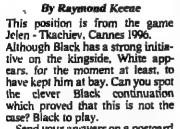


16 Bh6!! Black cannot capture. since 16 . . . gxh6 17 Qxf0 leaves Black's position shattered. Similarly the defence 16 . . . Nfd5 17 Be4 g6 18 Qf3 Rfd8 19 Rad1 leaves Black tied in knots.

16 ... Nbd7 17 Qg5 Ne8 18 Nsb1 No5

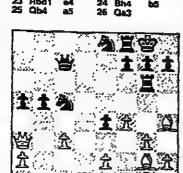
After 18... Nb6, Alekhine planned a typical sacrifice to retain the gxh6 21 a5 Qd7 22 Qh5.

WINNING MOVE



Send your answers on a postcard to The Times, I Pennington Street. London El 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine publication. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Last week's solution: I Rho.



By a constant stream of tacties, Alekhine has prevented Euwe from assordinating his forces for a direct anack on White's broken queenside powns. The critical move now is 26 Rd6, but then comes the amazing 27 Be7 Radl (not 27 . . . Que7 28 Que5) 28 Bae5 Raft+ 29 Kaft 64 30 cxb4 Nd6 31 Qxa5 Qxa5 32 bxa5, when White should win.



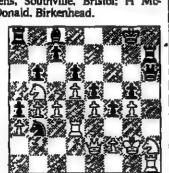
The decisive blow, and again typical Alekhine. Black has never been able to string together a cohesive plan given the countiess pin-pricks to which Alekhine has subjected him. If Black now takes the rook with 34 ... Rxf3 then 35 Rxe8+ Kf7 36 Qe7+ Kg6 37 Bxe4 when Black's situation is hopeless.

This wins easily enough but 36 Qb3 would have ended matters at once.

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Black resigns

Anyone interested in Alekhine may like to know that his best games have been reissued in algebraic notation, with revised notes by John Nunn (Batsford, £17,99).



Last week's winners: M. Kaye Charminster, Dorchester, J Ste vens, Southville, Bristol; H Mo-Donald, Birkenhead.

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READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right). The cartoon, from the Punch library, includes the contemporary caption.

The cartoun will be printed again next week on the Games page with a cuption selected from those submined.

Send caption suggestions on a postcard with your name and address to: Cartoon caption (101) Weekend Games Page. The Times, I Pennington Street. London El 4XN

The editor's decision is final. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, March 27,



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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b. Scented forsythia c. A spring festival NUBK

a. A fruit bush b. The Lydian letter NB c. A desert robe with hood

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a. A smoked sausage b. The historic imperfect c. A feudal leasehold KHATAK a. A ceremonial scarf

 b. A poisonous millipede c. A Moroccan goatherd

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

THE stakes at TGR's club in London are the highest in the country. The hands below feature a sporting member of the more establishment Portland Club visit-

Love all Rubber Bridge Dealer South ₹73 +KQ984 **48762**



Contract: 4NT by South Lead nine of clubs

After winning the opening lead with the queen of clubs South (the visitor) played on diamonds. East took the second round and played a heart. At this point it was clear that East had KJIO of clubs and the ace of diamonds, so West was marked with the ace of spades and king and jack of hearts. All South had to do was play the ten of hearts on East's heart return and he would have been in control.

However, the visitor took his eye off the ball - thinking he had a safe ten tricks by clearing the spades, he won with the ace of hearts. He then led a spade to the ten and cashed the queen of diamonds. Too late he realised he had no safe discard. To keep his heart guard he had to throw a spade, and when he continued spades West (Zia Mahmood) took the ace and led one back. Thus South had to lose the last two heart tricks. "Suicide squeeze" remarked Zia On the second hand, Zia was

North and the visitor East,



Contract: 3NT by South Lead, king of diamonds

North opened One Club and continued with Two Diamonds over South's One Heart. The resulting 3NT contract appears to have nine top tricks and only four

West started with the king of diamonds and switched to the six of hearts. East tried winning with the ace and returning a low heart. hoping to find his partner with Jxx. That let declarer home.

The correct defence would have been a good counter to Zia's comment about the first hand. East should cash a second high heart. What is dummy to discard? If he keeps Qx of diamonds, a winner must be thrown, and now East exits with the eight of clubs, forcing dummy to give West the last two tricks in diamonds.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

WE KICK off with the slickest international football game in town. Actua Soccer, which is now out for the PlayStation. Thanks to the witty addition of good running commentary from Barry Davies, this game leaps from the screen with mesmerising depth and playability.

You can opt to play the national team of any of 44 countries and switch tactics and styles to your liking. Actua Soccer is a bench-mark title and it's the audio action that makes for such engrossing entertainment. Only one or two can play but bystanders will find hemselves quickly drawn in. The crowd-pulling action of mo-

for racing is less scintillating in FI Challenge, a one-player, Formula One racing game for the Sega Sat-urn. The graphics are pleasant enough but the action and engine sounds are wimpy. The only new twist is the chance to call into the pits for tyre-swaps and servicing during marathon races, and the most tired trick is an inane music score which elevates elevator Muzak to classical status. Equally uninspiring, and also for the Saturn, is Off-World Inter-

ceptor Extreme. Throwing you behind the wheel in rough ter-

rain, the armed vehicle bangs about every which way but loose. The design of the game also feels rough and ready.

"No dear, I said I enjoy a Bach quartet!"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was

submitted by Michael Morrison of Whetstone, London

Returning to the international circuit, learning a language has never been easier with some of the latest software. Trying to master another tongue by using language labs was never very satisfactory but, two decades later, similar ideas work much better on home Many titles include voice-recog-

nition software, allowing you to hear and then accurately repeat ords and sentences. From Vektor Multimedia, the At Home series on CD-Rom provides a fundamenstructured learning approach in French, German and Spanish "in-line with the UK National Curriculum". Icon-led, the title has a formal feel as it teaches essentials such as the alphabet, numbers currency and times as well as phrases and a little interactive The Multimedia Language Sys-

tem from Infogrames also focuses on French, German or Spanish and comes with a microphone. By contrast, these boast a "no-lessonsinvolved", more colourful ap-

by Tim Wapshott



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proach, teaching instead through a succession of enjoyable word and picture games. Native speakers guide users through the activities

and reward success with verbal treats such as fantásticol or estupendo! in the case of the Spanish course. In order to progress through the games you have no option but to get your

tongue around the language, and many games demand correct pronunciation to be won. Not since Petula Clark learnt French by hypnosis, allegedly, has it seemed so easy to start conversing in a second language without even knowing a word. From Accent Software International, the sophisticated Accent Due range allows

you to type in one language and see

it automatically translated into a

second. Of course there are a few

quirky slip-ups, for example when translating Spanish to English the line "Hello, young lovers" becomes "Hello, juvenile lovers". Accent Duo titles are available for English to French, German, Italian and Spanish on CD-Rom as well as floppy disk for easy laptop loading. Each includes a multilingual word-processor supporting several other languages as well as spell-checking, thesaurus and hycinch to use that even slow learners will find themselves getting to grips with a new language in seconds. Este es el último exige

Cyberspace Veintidos. That is, this is the last call for Cyberspace Twenty-Two. The competition closes at midnight on Tuesday March 26, and to enter you must write a treatment for a suitable new movie to be made by Ken Russell. Your ideas will probably be farfetched. Three lucky readers will each win Logitech scanners. First prize is a top-of-the-range Page-Scan Color. a self-feeding A4 scanner. Second and third prizes are ScanMan Color and ScanMan 256 hand-held scanners. Each comes with editing software. Enwords, include your name, age, address and home telephone number and be sent to: Cyberspace Twenty-Two, Computer Games, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN, You may also fax entries to us on 0171-729 6791. The judges will not enter into additional correspondence.

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THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

No 3350: Up and Down by Doubleshooter

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COLUMNS 1/XIII Secure source of light energy on part of chair in a rod (7.7)

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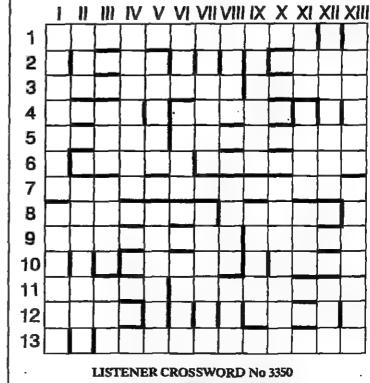
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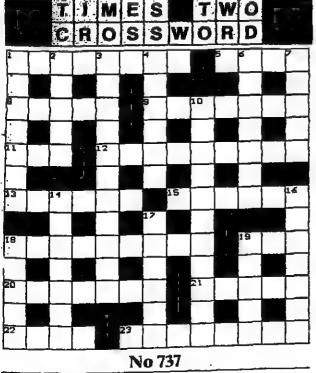
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Obsessed with Britain's classic system

It is more than a passion; it is a £lbn a year industry that earns millions in export sales

ing to step too close to gleaming machines. Others cannot get close enough: heads disappear beneath bonnets, into boots and one man wriggles along the floor and crawls underneath. A classic car is guaranteed to produce a strong reaction in the British public

These scenes from last weekend's show at London's Alexandra Palace will be repeated throughout the spring and summer. Every weekend boasts a rally, time trial, sprint, show, concours d'éle-

gance or race meeting.

But historic vehicles now represent far more than nostalgia, family fun, the anoraks This national passion has spawned an industry that has weathered recession as well as any and on which business worth El billion and exports worth millions depend.

oday, at the Heritage warwickshire, home of one of Britain's finest collections of automobiles, the great and the good of the classic car movement will discuss not just chrome, polish and restoration but cash, policy and preservation. The business is important enough to influence government policy and attract big money from major manufacturers. But just what is it worth?

Putting a value on Britain's classic car business is not easy: for a successful industry it must be one of the most fragmented, ranging from the international auction houses and dealers in cars that may be worth £1 million each to suppliers of spares and backstreet boffins who specialise in turning the perfect valve maybe 5,000 companies in all. Its political lobby secured exemption from road tax for

25-year-old cars. Robert Brooks, head of Britain's leading classic car auction house, says that the UK auction market is worth about £50 million a year, with dealer and private sales probably worth four times as much. Add in restoration, spares, insurance, the wages of the thousands employed in the business, the funding of museums and the administration and sponsorship of events ranging from club meetings to next year's British-organised Peking to Paris centenary run and the £l billion looks realistic. Perhaps a quarter of that represents export business. Brooks holds auctions in Monte Carlo, France and Australia as well as Britain, and on April 20 launches a joint venture in Germany with a sale at the Mercedes-Benz museum in Stuttgart.



Mechanical boom: a visitor to London's Alexandra Palace shows classic enthusiasm for a business that influences government policy, attracts big money from major manufacturers and employs thousands of people

note speaker at Gavdon will be Nick Scheele, chairman and chief executive of Jaguar, fresh from introducing, at the Geneva Motor Show, the longawaited XK8, the result of a massive investment by the company's multi-national parent. Ford. Yet however much is invested in advertising this state-of-the-art sports car, thanks to the fervour of those who bear the flame for classics it will never escape the tag spiritual successor to the Etype". Scheele and others will talk about classics of the past and the future, how the "big" carmaking industry can help enthusiasts with technology and advice and about the challenges of environmental concerns and changes in permitted fuels.

Jaguar, which also includes Daimler the company that founded the British motor industry 100 years ago, is one of the favourite subjects for preservation. At the Essen classic car show. German

the value of restoration carried out largely in Britain.

The conference is sponsored by the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, which links an estimated 300,000 enthusiasts belonging to more than 300 clubs across the country, their interests ranging from cars to scooters and from buses to steamfollers. Its chairman, Peter Glover, estimates that the collective membership is responsible for a million vehicles. "We represent clubs for

enthusiasts, but a lot of them are now run by full-time employees," he says. "We are conscious that thousands of people depend upon the old Robert Coucher, editor of Classic Car magazine, says: "I

car scene for employment." business is now close to a billion pound industry. We have well over 3,000 companies on our register of specialists and a lot of their business would be for export."

quick to point out that the preservation movement began in Britain 70 years ago. The implications of the business are now enormous. Apart from the sales and spares, there are events worldwide, autojumbles, auctions and it generates huge numbers of books and magazines. I did the first Jaguar book in the 1960s; there are now more than 300 on that make alone.

proposed this confer ence because of the big changes in the movement. When I started the National Motor Museum in 1952, the emphasis was on veteran cars, now the road cars of that era - the Zephyrs and Zodiacs — are regarded as classics in their own right. More and more people want to use these cars on the road and that raises big issues such as road tax, environmental legislation and ethical problems such as when a restoration turns a car into a fake."

Born in Coventry, died in . . . where?

WHEN the candles go out on the motor industry's centenary birthday cake, spare a thought for the hapless executives of the Couder motor company. Their ambition would have been to have their car a proud part of the celebrations - but the company failed to make it into the industry's history book, except as a bizarre footnote.

For Couder is one of the legion of motor companies that started with bright hopes only to fall apart almost as soon as they began.

Over the past century, 132 carmakers set up in Coventry; today there are just two major ones left in the form of Peugeot and Jaguar. And a study by Paul Collins and Michael Stratton shows graphically just how high the attrition rate has been down the years among carmakers for whom survival was a bigger issue

Coventry City officials have

Kevin Eason invites Car 96 readers to help find a city's lost carmakers

combed the record books, museums and enthusiasts' clubs, but can find only 40 surviving cars of the 132 marques that have come and gone from the city.

Even among the survivors.

there is sometimes only a lone car as the metal memorial to the hopes and efforts of the industry's pioneers. Today, Car 96 starts a quest to find the missing links — cars hidden in barns, at the back of museums or hidden under dusty sheets deep in a dark garage - so that they can take their place in Coventry's tribute to 100 years of car manu-

facturing in the city.
Our readers might know the location of cars from Arno. Acme and Albatros or Awson, Daisy, Dutson, Cluley, Emms, Gravenor, Hamilton, Priory,

Raglan, Rex, Ryley or Viking. The list of Coventry's carmakers is a long and strange roll call of births, deaths and marriages over 100 years.

though is: what happened to all those carmakers and their cars? Some were bought out by the industry's Big Brothers, their names and technology absorbed to such an extent that few people know those fledgling companies even excapitalised - or were just incompetent, their cars so deeply flawed that even a novice public knowing little of new-fangled automobiles saw

the potential for trouble. What happened to Couder. for example? Records show that the company set up in Lythalls Lane in Coventry in 1923. And then they weren't there any more; they simply same year. Nobody seems ever to have seen a Couder car, let alone ridden in one. Even Coventry's Museum of British Road Transport, which has a wide selection of Coventry-made models, is baffled after months of searching for the missing pieces in its jigsaw of the city's motoring history. Yet somebody must have clues as to where the missing models are. Coventry was Britain's

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lane each way for repairs to the M4 above. A12 Eastern Avenue, Wanstead. Construction of M11 link road continues, with eastbound reduced to a single lane between Redbridge roundabout and High Street.

A243 Leatherhead bypass kerbing and alteration work at junction with Kingston Road. A406 North Circular Road, Upper Edmonton. Major roadworks continue over the Lea Valley viaduct.

A406 North Circular Road, Finchley. Major roadworks continue with various restrictions between the A1 and A1000 junctions.

SOUTH-EAST M4 Berkshire. Major roadworks and contratiow between junc-tions 6 and 8/9 cause lengthy tailbacks daily. A509 Buckinghamshire, Major roadworks on the Welling-borough Road in Olney, at

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A247 Surrey. Roadworks between Clandon Station and Clandon Park. Long delays expected at peak times. A264 Sussex. Delays expected through East Grinstead town centre due to roadworks on Holtye Road, Portland Land and Most Road.

O SOUTH-WEST A4 Avon. Lane restrictions and

temporary lights over the Newbridge Bridge, Bath. M4/M5 Avon. Work on second Severn crossing continues, with restrictions around the Almondsbury & Aust inter-changes, and also on the M5 around junction 18. A30 Comwall. Roadworks and contratiow near Bolventor, on Bodmin Moor.

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EAST ANGLIA A6 Leicestershire. Major road-works and contratiow at Lockington, between junction 24 of the M1 and Sawley Island. M69 Leicestershire. Link road from the M69 to M1 northbound closed at junction 21. A short diversion is in operation via the roundabout.

A11 Noriolk. Construction of Wymondham bypass continues, with lane and speed restrictions between Hethersett and Attleborough. A47 Norfolk. Major roadworks:

at Terrington St John and at M6 Staffordshire. North and southbound entry sliproads on to motorway closed at junction 11 while work is carried out on

M65 Lancashire. Down to one lene in both directions between

unctions 10 and 14 between 9,30am and 4,00pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

M6 Cheshire. Widening work continues between junctions 20 and 21.

A5063 Greater Manchester Major roadworks and lane clo-sures on Trafford Road, near junction with Pomona Strand. A630 South Yorkshire. Major roadworks and contraflow on the Rotherway at Canklow, en junction 33 of the M1 and Rotherham. A167M Tyneside, Northbound lane closures on Newcastle

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sures on all approaches to the Wychtree roundabout at A483 West Glamorgan, Major roadworks and contraflow on Fabian Way, Swanses between Earlswood lights.

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M90 Tayside. Major roadworks at junction 10 with lane closures in both directions.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Tyres at risk

HALF the cars on Britain's roads are running on tyres with illegal tread, according to the National Tyres Distributors Association. The association's members inspected more than 300,000 tyres and discovered 48 per cent did not meet the legal minimum of 1.6 millimetres of tread depth. Alarmingly, 17 per cent of those tyres were also severely damaged in a way which could lead to blowouts. Richard Edy, the association's director, says: "The survey confirms fears that motorists still fail to regard tyres as safety critical components."

In the wee small hours

THINKING of a new insurance policy? When exactly? If you live in Essex, apparently you are likely to ring for a quote as late as 2am, according to PremiumSearch. The direct insurer runs 24hour telephone lines and claims that motorists in Essex are the latest to call, followed by drivers in Hertfordshire and the Midlands, who are also "night owls". Drivers in Northamptonshire are the earliest risers, accounting for 14 per cent of calls from 6am, followed by Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Strictly for the girls

A TRIUMPH no doubt for the market researchers, but what are we to make of surveys that show lesbians are four times more likely to choose a Subaru? According to Automotive News in the US, the Japanese company is now targeting lesbians, running adds which endearingly say: "It loves camping, dogs and long-term commitment. Too bad it's only a car." Aaah.

They have a suggestion

CLEVER workers at Rover have won £850,000 in the company suggestions scheme - which saved the business more than E6 million last year. The company has twigged to the fact the workers know best how assembly lines run and now offers prizes worth up to £5,000 and a car for the best money-saving gestion. Of more than 21,000 suggestions. 4,000 were an! are now operating.

Directions to Little Snoring are brought to you by Slumberland, makers of quality beds . . . is this the real world?

These are clear signs of madness

Eason appeared on the Today programme on Monday talking about sponsored signposts. I assumed I was having a bad dream and went back to sleep. Only later did Kevin's story in The Times confirm that the world had indeed gone mad.

The great thing about what passes for real life in Whitehall is that you could not make it up. If you were to stumble around a saloon bar telling people that the Minister of State at the Department of Transport, as his contribution to helping drivers to concentrate, proposed to put adverts on signposts you would be chucked out for behaviour likely to lead to a breach of the peace.

John Watts, the said minister, apparently believes that sponsored ignposts are the answer to a shortfall" in the DoF's budget. We shall leave aside the fact that motorists give the Government E25 billion a year and get £5 billion spent in return — the sort of "shortfall" my bank account could do with - and pass quickly on.





Peter Barnard

Of course there is nothing wrong with the principle of signposts that advertise products. This has been going on for centuries. I expect stagecoach drivers once raised their spirits by discovering that they were fast approaching Bournville or Cheddar without feeling the urgent need for a bar of chocolate or a lump

But I would have thought there was a large step to be taken between that and the deliberate carrying of



advertising on, say, the signpost to Aldermaston. Incidentally, would this desirable location be sold to British Nuclear Fuels or CND?

My eldest daughter, who lives at Benson in Oxfordshire, has already called to express her relief that the next village is not called Hedges. However she is not far from Newbury, whose signposts will soon be the subject of a bidding war between Friends of the Earth and Tarmac. My parents, who live in Plymouth, do not much look forward to being guided homeward by a giant bottle of gin.

In case anyone thinks that the Wans initiative is some spur of the moment thing, this is far from the case. Mr Watts has clearly thought it through ... or halfway through. He has swept aside the objections of the AA, for example, like a joyrider flamening a bollard.

The AA mildly ventured the thought that drivers might be "distracted" by sponsorship messages as they peered through rain, fog and other manifestations of the British climate in search of the road to Warford. Distracted! What a bunch of wimps!

This would be a way of applying the Private Finance Initiative for the benefit of motorists." sayeth Mr Watts. "Road signs could be better constructed with the aid of private sponsorship."

Oh, I see. Or rather, no I don't see. This statement is twaddle. What it means is: hello, here's a way of making some money. How in the name of sanity could a road sign be better constructed by having a sponsor? I have been saying for months that the Department of Transport ought to be closed down because it has no sensible role: Mr Watts has proved I am right.

Unfortunately, it appears that this daft scheme will not quickly go away, for Mr Watts promises us "primary legislation". A whole Bill, in other words, to enable signposts to be cluttered up with advertising slogans. As I said, you could not make it up - pure Watts in Wonderland, sponsored by Walt Disney.

Still, I cannot hang about talking to you lot much longer, as I have to rush off up the A67 to affix this column's logo to a signpost: Barnard Castle, one mile. Driven to Distraction could hardly be a more appro-

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Messing about in quotes

Direct insurance means you pick up the telephone and they tell you

exactly what it will cost . . . or

do they? Sue Baker investigates

hen direct insurance arrived, it offered two things: all you needed to do was pick up a phone and premiums would be lower. The latter appears to be something of a lottery, and may depend on when you make your call and who answers as you shop around. A survey of more than 20 car insurers for Car 96 has revealed not only wide gaps between quotes, but also surprising discrepancies between premiums offered by the same

company at different times. We sought quotes for three car owners: a young bachelor male with a BMW, a thirtysomething woman with a family Ford, and a middle-

> aged man, with a sporty Rover. For each quote we rang the same companies twice, giving identical details each time, but using a different name on the second call. In some cases quotes differed by only just a few pounds, but in others it was by £40 or more, and one quote

changed by more than £300. The first driver for whom we sought cover is a 21-year-old office worker from Grays in Essex. He has held a licence for three years, has two years' no claims discount and drives an eight-year-old, E-registration BMW 316 worth about £3.800. It has an immobiliser. and is left parked overnight outside his home.

More than half the companies declined to quote, and only 11 of those surveyed were prepared to offer him insurance. A day later, he rang them all again. This time only 10 would give him a quote and one company which had done so a day earlier now declined. Of the others, only two quoted the same premium and excess as before. Three gave the same

quote with a different excess. One increased the premium by 30p, but reduced the excess £25. Three companies gave a higher quote the second time: one was now lower.

There was also a vast gulf between the highest and lowest quotes. The cheapest premium he was offered, by Norwich Union Direct, was £607. The dearest, quoted by Help Insurance, was El.227.

Our second test case is a 35year-old nurse living in Nottingham, who drives a Ford Mondeo worth about £9,000. It has a standard Ford alarm and immobiliser and is garaged overnight. She has been driving for 15 years and has a full no-claims bonus, but has a conviction for speeding. We tried all same

'We all This time none of them shunned her business, but five need to quotes changed between the two calls, improve one by more than £150. Again there was wide variation in what she was systems' invited to pay, ranging from £167 with Sun Alliance

to £337 with Commercial Union Direct. Test case three is a 51-yearold self-employed painter and decorator, who, like the young driver, lives at Grays in Essex. He has been driving for 30 years and has a clean licence. He has a three-year-old sporty Rover 214i 16-valve, K registration and with a standard

Rover alarm. Again, quotes differed. Seven varied from the day before. one by more than £50. The cheapest premium offered was £124 with Guardian Direct. the dearest £254 with Zurich.

How can the wide variations made by the same company for the same risk happen? James Wootten, director of Motor Advice, the car insurance monitoring service which assisted us with the



Insurance advertising in the Fifties: the motorist's problem today may be confusion rather than confrontation

survey, surmises that they are caused by weary telephone quote line operators making light errors while keying in the information they are given.

"I think one of the problems is that it is a rather dull job and perhaps an operator's attention may lapse occasion-ally after hours of gazing at the screen, he said. "Apart from that, I can give no explanation.
It just should not happen."

The biggest variation in quotes came from one of the newest direct companies, Help Insurance. Overnight, the premium quoted to the same driver changed by £304.52p. Underwriting assistant general manager Chris Hanks was refreshingly frank.

"Help is very new, a pilor operation, so we are still settling down. I am unhappy to hear that people got different quotes on different days for the same set of circumstances, and I wouldn't want it to happen, but we are still on the learning curve."

Direct motor insurance is "a very dynamic environment,"

says Hanks. "Some companies do change their rates day by day. They go after a certain area of business for a limited time and then change back and try something else. I think what your survey has shown up is all about the growing pains of the direct insurance business. We all need to improve our systems. make our screens more userfriendly and improve the quality of training for the operators

vho take the calls." The second largest disparity was the £153 difference between two quotes, a few hours apart, sought from Privilege for the woman driver. It transpired that, although she said in both calls that she had a full no-claims discount, Privilege's records showed that the second, higher quote had been based on the operator noting a no-claims record of only one

Spokesperson Wheeler said that if a mistake had been made and a higher necessary premium quoted, it would have been put right when the proposal form was completed.

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against their old one, the

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Robert Taylor (Steven Smith on second call), a 21-year-old administration assistant driving an eight-year-old BMW 318 and living in Grave. Fear

Company ·	Taylor	Smith	VIII WINDS
Help Insurance	1923.38	£1227.90	\$304,52
Innurance Service	2740,07	2769.07	223,00
Norwich Union Direct	£607.07	2549.16	£41.49
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Ann Smith (Sarah Baker), a 35-year-old nurse from Nottingham

Company	Smith .	Baker	Difference
Eagle Star Direct	£216.29	\$220.25	E3,97
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Norwich Union Cirect	E186.70	£196.21	29,51
Privilege	2209.00	5362 00	£153.00
Royal Direct	£226.99	£270.04	E43.00

Alan Thompson (David Brown), a 51-year-old builder driving a

Company	Thompson	Brown	Different
Admiral	2207.66	2203.00	24.5
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Direct Line	£155.90	£159,90	£4.0
Eagle Star Direct	£186,33	1200.60	€14.5
General Accident Direct	£199.92	£178.32	521.6
Zurich	£254.56	£212.62	£41.9
Premium Search	£169,45	£160.41	£103

Drices for new cars, like Cheaper, smaller and plusher the car themselves, will shrink over the next 10 years as motor manufacturers sell them for less than the vehicles they will replace. vehicle it is replacing, despite improved equipment. Dai-

The Japanese call it "price destruction", and Ian McAllister, Ford of Britain's chairman, believes that the trend is catching on here as carmakers fight to maintain or expand their share of a new car market that is likely to stay frozen at today's 2 million cars a year for the foreseeable future.

The move to lower prices has also been driven by growing pressure from motorists, who are simply refusing to pay for new cars. Increasingly they are buying nearly-new vehicles that have been used for four, five or six months on a daily rental fleet. These cars come to the used market in immaculate condition. covered by manufacturer's warranty, and are on average E3,000 cheaper than the vehi-

de would cost new. in response, Mitsubishi has announced the launch of its new Colt. priced from £9,799. which is £120 less than the Vaughan Freeman explains why new car prices will keep falling

hatsu is also freezing prices, and announced the launch of its 1996 Charade cars at 1994 prices. The Charade range starts at £8,295, despite benefitting from a revamp inside and out, getting power steering, and an approved antitheft engine immobiliser as

standard_ McAllister says: "My per-ception is that in future new car prices will not rise much faster than inflation, even given the extra equipment

that goes in as standard. "People have to assume that there will be continuing downward pressure on new car prices, with prices in real terms falling, that is rising at a rate lower than inflation."

Manufacturers looking to freeze or cut prices, or to introduce rises below the rate of inflation, are also concerned to protect the used value of a vehicle once a

three or four years, and then looks to part-exchange it second-hand, so that when against a replacement new they are ready to buy another

By reducing the cost of a car new, manufacturers hope to protect that used value or

nancially. McAllister says cars will get smaller but more luxurious. Where once only 8 per cent of "residual" value of the car small Fords sold were Ghia cars, fitted with every luxury

> demand greater comfort. He believes it is a trend that will continue. Young motor-

available, today that has risen

to 20 per cent as customers

ists just starting out on their driving career, or older drivers who have seen their children grow up and no longer need a big car, will seek ever the purchase less painful fismaller alternatives, such as the Ford Ka, a sawn-off version of the Fiesta, VW Beetle. or Fiat Cinquecento.

However, where once small cars were seen as budget boxes in which wing mirrors and a radio were costly extras. motorists increasingly expect small cars to have big car safety and equipment - and the price will have to be right.

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motoring Klondike at the turn of the century, companies sprouting up in every street to strike the gold of designing a car that would become world renowned. But companies waxed and waned, struggling against the problems of developing new cars at huge cost against competition from big

Harry J. Lawson was the father of the motor industry in Coventry, incorporating his Daimler Motor Syndicate in 1896. But he was simply the first to the lawyer's office because engineers were hammering and welding cars together before then, employing the skills of the city's bicycle and sewing machine makers. A year before, Frederick Lanchester had made a car in Birmingham, while, in the same city, a young man working as general manager of the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Company had made a threewheeled car: his name was Herbert Austin.

ut Covenity was a natural location for the birth of the British motor car: the city had companies with workers used to machine tools and "metal bashing" and there were dozens of businesses looking for opportunities to make products that would get them out of the slump in bicycle manufacturing.

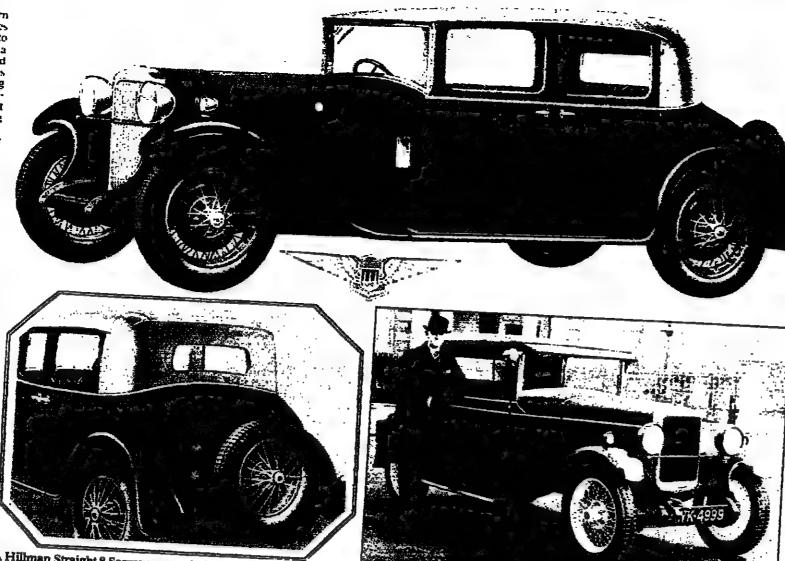
Unfortunately, most cars on sale had to be imported because Lawson had a lock on patents for the Benz engine which stifled development until the courts released his control in 1901. That was the signal for an explosion of carmaking: within five years there were 50 registered carmakers in Britain, most extending established businesses involved in marine engineering, cycle-making

and horse-drawn carriages. By 1911, Coventry was employing 6,838 workers in the car industry, turning out 9,000 vehicles a year. By 1921, the employment figure was up to almost 18,700 and growing as carmaking flourished.

ompanies such as Clark Cluley, a busi-ness founded in 1890 as textile machinists but which was soon fostering ambitions to join the m revolution, entered the fray. The company made bicycles and a tri-car, called the Globe Cymocar, but in 1922 decided to make the real thing, launching the Cluley Light Car and following up with a six-cylinder model. The experiment lasted only six years though, the Cluley dying out as quickly as it was founded, the cars lost for generations to come. — the sort of model Car 96 wants to

Even companies which managed to become established produced models that seem to have disappeared forever. When Henry Segrave was the 1920s equivalent of Damon Hill, he gave his name to Hillman's Straight 8 Segrave Model. Hillman formed by William Hillman, once a manufacturer of bikes and roller skates — went on to be absorbed by the Rootes Group and then Chrysler, and the Segrave car has never been traced, making it another we

want to find. Lea-Francis was formed in 1895, but did not start making cars until the 1920s, finding success with its sports models, including the Hyper, one of which won the 1928 Ulster TT driven by Kaye Don. But Lea-Francis was beset by financial problems, finally expiring in 1954. The company name has



A Hillman Straight 8 Segrave, named after the legendary racing driver of the 1920s, has never been traced since the original company was taken over NOUNCING JE IOHP TWO-SEATER Has anybody here seen Chiley? Founded in 1890 as textile machinists, the company made its first real car in 1922; six years later they vanished





Founded in 1895, Lea-Francis was a more successful survivor, lasting as a carmaker from 1920 to 1954. Its Hyper model was the peak of its achievements

been revived twice since, but that Hyper model probably represents the zenith of the company's efforts and a car which would find a fitting place in our investigations. John Horton, one of the team organising Coventry's

summer celebrations, says. "Some of these models just seemed to vanish off the face of the earth. It is fascinating that there have been as many as 132 companies operating in and around Coventry over the past 100 years. They were

obviously businesses that would be a wonderful addition planned to make cars and to our heritage and our cente-nary celebrations." become successful manufacturers, but so many were here one day and gone the next. Many models have disap-

So the quest has started to find the cars of Coventry's yesteryear, the most obscure and rare models that flickered briefly into brilliant life only to

be killed off by the harshness of economic life or the vagaries of public taste. Somewhere out there are cars with the most unlikely names. But if you know where they are, join the Car 96 quest to find a lost



ONE OF the staples of the classic car market is the "harn find" — the rare or historic car tucked away when it was replaced or left

when an owner died. "You might have thought that anyone who owned a barn would have gone and combed it for the last wheel nut when prices were so high in the 1980s, yet still amazing things turn up," says Robert Brooks, Britain's leading classic car auctioneer. These vehicles often neglected for decades and sometimes no more than a box of bits don't sell for the highest prices but and offer extraordinary opportunities to restorers. A Brooks sale at

London's Olympia today features several examples including a unique 1935 Bentley 312-litre with coupe

de ville coachwork by Park Ward and bearing the reg-istration B 70, itself a valuable asset and included in the £6,000-£8,000 estimate.

There is also a 1929 Belgian-built Minerva dismantled after being rescued from a scrapyard 30 years ago minus its bodywork and has since been stored but not restored. Its estimate is £2,000-£4,000. A sadly neglected Bristol 403 is also offered as a restoration project at £1.500-£2,000. At the other end of the scale are two perfectlypreserved veterans: a 1902 Glasgow-built Arrol-Johnston six-seater Dog Cort (£30,000-£40,000) and a 1901 De Dion-engined four seater (£20,000-£25,000). Although the car's history is known since 1907, its maker remains a mystery.



THE CAR that Hugo Spowers and his specialists at Prowess Racing have

just renovated hardly reflects the finest hour of the British motor industry. But it is a brilliant example of how the classic car business can produce something bet-

The 1969 Jaguer Mk X 420G was built when the car industry here was renowned more for strikes than for technology or build quality. The restored version will be driven by Takehiko Abe, a Japanese cosmetics tycoon, after a year-long £90,000 rebuild. It is an original limousine with the retro looks sought after in Japan, 1990s build quality and brakes and suspension a lot better than the originals.

What Prowess has done is virtually to reconstruct the car from the interior of ils steel chassis to the last dot of chrome on the headlamps, "Our client wanted a Mk X that he could drive regularly. Although this one had undergone a cosmetic restoration and had chassis problems, it was complete with original fit-

tings," says Spowers.
The bulk of the £90,000 represents labour charges

including 750 hours of restructuring, carried out by Allen Corcoran, a cheerful Australian with a passion for welding. The quality of the original restoration work wasn't bad, but a lot of rust had been covered up with mastic. Plates had been welded in with lap joints which allow condensation. I've welded everything with joints butting up against the original, allowing no room for condensation and painted inside the main box sections to seal the seams," he says. The Prowess team work

on two or three cars at a time in a small workshop tucked away in the leafy bit of Surrey. "We've spent £17.000 working on the engine of this car. We can make minor parts ourselves and if we need anything bigger there are a lot of small engineering places with spare capacity. Only things like major electrical work need a contractor." says Spowers.

The way we've restored this car it will last another years without major work and probably hold its value. You could buy a new Mercedes for the same price, but think of the depreciation."

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Tom Merrin hears the story of a Panhard et Lavassor with a unique history

dward Jarvis, bicycle maker to the gentry, was impressed by the car driven by one his customers who arrived at his shop in 1899. The customer was Charles Rolls, later to be the partner of Henry Royce: the car was a Panhard et Lavassor.

So Jarvis bought one for E750 (the equivalent of E135,000 today) — and started a story that is probably unique in the history of motoring. Nearly a century later, the black, red and gold car is still running - and is still in the same family.

As its equipment does not include a mileometer, it is impossible to say how far the Victorian wagonette has travelled, but it is now kept in Colin Gibbins's garage - and still makes the occasional run out, although it can show the

temperament of old age. The family connection runs directly from the first Edward Jarvis to his son, another Edward, then on to his son. John, who married. Mary, Colin Gibbins's sister. Colin

The family runabout for 96 years has three sons waiting to carry

on the line into a second

century.
Buffing up the brasswork on the gleaming vehicle, retired engineer Colin filled in the details of the story.

"Panhard and his partner, Levassor, had been in business for about two or three years when Edward Jarvis first saw her at his business in

London's Edgware Road. "She obviously impressed the old man, because he ordered one from France. All he got was the chassis, axles, wheels and engine, so that part of the car is French. The

rest was made in by a coachworks in Reading." From 1899, Jarvis drove the

car around London, and once took it on what was then a highly adventurous 24-hour marathon. On his death, it passed to Edward junior, but he never shared his father's enthusiasm and hardly drove it. It was laid up, moving parts well greased, solid rubber tyres removed, and for 23 years stayed, unused, in a

By the time it came back on the road, it was a 30-year-old veteran and two years later Edward drove it in its first

London to Brighton run. Since then, it has taken part in more than 25 of the famous rallies. In 1938, Edward junior gave the car to his son, John, and for more than half a century John and his wife, Enid, took it on veteran rallies and family

peared into oblivion, but if we

can trace some of them, they

"Despite its age, we regularly went for drives in it." Enid recalled. "In the early days, most people didn't have cars and it was quite an event to go for a spin."

The fame of the car grew in proportion to its age and one of the highspots of its long life was when it appeared in the 1953 film Genevieve.

John Jarvis, now 84, gave up driving and maintaining the car three years ago and handed it over to his brother-in-law. Colin. 70. who carries on the family tradition of caring for it in a garage shared with three vintage Rolls-Royces at his home in West Wittering, Sussex. John lives just 50 yards away in the quiet seaside close and makes regular visits to it and to be taken for drives. "John and Mary have no



children, and when he passed the car on to me it meant it was staying in the family," said Colin. "I can't see it ever leaving us now. I have three sons - all of them in their forties - and they're all in love

"Everything about this old lady is original. She has wooden wheels and the body is all wood as well. The insurance cover limits me to driving only 500 miles a year, so the tyres are good for a while yet and I have a spare set."

The eight-horsepower engine drives two hefty chains which turn the rear wheels

and, flat out, the old car can touch 36mph, three times the speed limit when it was built. "She has four forward and four reverse gears, but the

water pressure gauge," said Colin. "It's no good even guessing how far she has travelled in nearly 100 years. There's no mileometer, so we'll never know. "But what we do know is that she is one of the 20 or so

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oldest cars in the world that are still runnning."

There is no accurate valuation on the car, but Colin estimates that it is worth at least £100,000, and her rare numberplate - H 786 would fetch a small fortune at auction.

But there's no chance she would ever be sold," he added. "She's part of the family ...

and the oldest part, " And, like a very elderly maiden aunt, the old car has its own quirks. When Colin and his wife. Mary, struggled with a heavy starting handle and timing gear to start the engine for a run round the block, she simply refused to

perform. "She's having one of her off days." Colin explained. "But at her age you obviously can't expect perfect behaviour all

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not get louder either, because

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ord is not the only company on the CVT bandwagon; Rover's

only automatic in its new 200

range is CVT, and excellent it

is too. Rover claims its 200

CVT will run at 70mph at just

2,700 rpm — slightly below the Escort — while economy fig-

ures are virtually the same as

for a five-speed manual.

There is also no loss of performance, with 0-60mph coming in 9.8 seconds (9.3 for

the 1.6 manual), while top

suring drivers that something

new is good. Early CVT cars

certainly seem to have suf-fered reliability problems and

are perhaps best avoided on

sharper and should be more

responsive, putting drivers at ease with a package so radi-cally different. In any event,

look for signs of the car creeping forward too quickly from rest without the throttle

and listen for any unpleasant

But more recent models feel

the used car forecourts.

speed is 115mph (118mph).

CVI - GETTING BETTER

ngineers at Ford will

next week strip their troublesome CVT gear-

box to find out what went

wrong. But within minutes of

arriving at their garage in

Brentford, west London, they were already speculating that the internal belt had snapped,

work, in effect, by climinating the clutch, automatically read

ing the car's speed and chang-

ing up and down for the

driver. But automatics can be slow to "kick down" when

overtaking, tend to be more

fuel-thirsty than manuals and

Engineers claim that the

new generation of continuous variable transmissions have

overcome those faults. Most

people remember CVT tech-

nology from the long-gone Daf Variomatic, which was ponderous in the extreme; a

push on the throttle pedal met

only with a rush of engine

revs while the gearbox steeled

itself for action. That was

because the CVT system

works through a series of

pulleys and a drive belt which

remains the same length whatever the power, so that

engine torque - or pulling

power - remains constant. A

push on the throttle releases revs, tightening the belt to deliver more power.

writes Kevin Eason.

slower to accelerate.

It's an horrific prospect, yet thousands of cars are damaged that recklessly in company fleets - wrecked by employees too incompetent at the wheel or too cavalier to care what it costs.

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comprising judgment examinations, questions on the Highway Code and a session at the wheel of a new Nissan Almera 1.6 on the road, they are also fun for drivers who

tion in the form of a touring holiday for two in Europe, in a

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Despite coming to a shattering halt on the Ml, Kevin Eason is waving the flag for the new Ford Escort





Total failure, complete success

plume of smoke from under the car must have alerted them to the fact that I was struggling and they weaved out of the way so that I could guide manufacturers pushing CVT the car to the hard shoulder. transmissions as the latest There I surveyed the trail of an automatic gear-

oil into the distance while the Escort stood forlorn, with a quiet hiss depositing the rest of its gearbox oil gently on the tarmac in a purple puddle.
At Scratchwood Services as the car was lifted on to a trailer to be returned to Ford - I called Bob Wright, the company's man in charge of the press car fleet. I think the For two days however, I was blood drained from his face

with just 3,000 miles on the clock is not the best advertisement for Ford's new protege. Yet the blow-up seemed such a shame because, up to that point, I was pretty impressed with the Escort with

when I told him what had

happened, for a shattered car

mission, known as CVT or CTX to Ford, that had so conspicuously let me down. Ford is among a series of

up and down, just of power. Trouble was that my gearbox ended up being all bang and no

mightily impressed, so much so, dear Reader, that I want you to put down that teacup and take a few minutes to put all thoughts from your mind, forget your preconceptions and relax, for I am going to tell you something you probably would not expect the Ford

Yes, I know all that talk in the magazines about the Escort being boring, mass-pro-duced old rubbish and yes, there was that bit earlier in this account about the gearbox

ly, the Escort has a

if that CVT gearbox really is reliable —

and my experience

is just a one-off -

then it is a terrifi-

It may have the best interior in its segment

cally well-packaged town car. After being Britain's top-selling model for a decade, the Escort was revamped to a chorus of yawns from the critics, so dreary were its driving characteristics, so lackiustre its looks. The car always sells well

because Ford has the muscle

fleets and hire businesses. But private buyers would probably be surprised by the car in its latest incarnation. It looks bright enough, if not outstand-ing, but probably has the best going up in a puff of smoke. Hardly interior in its segment; the switchgear and overall feel of encouraging, I the cabin welcoming and admit. But honest-

Then there are the bits and pieces that separate Escort from the rest of the pack, such as the classy stereo, which I was enjoying - I'm not sure about Kiri - at the time of my gearbox crisis, and comprehensive anti-theft and security package. Ride and handling have also been improved hugely from the dull as dishwater response and stodgy suspension of the past. Escort is still not class leader in that department, but for the type and length of driving done by most motorists in this country who do not, on the whole aspire to be the next Damon

good enough.

But that CVT provides plen-

for motorists who do most of their driving around town You simply push the gearstick into Drive and off you go. Although Ford figures show the automatic to be a bit slower off the mark than the manual 1.6-litre (14 seconds to 60mph compared with 11.6), there is no feeling of lag in takeoff. It takes only a few hours to get over the idea that there should be the customary jerk of changing gears from the transmission, although it seemed to me like blessed release from the curse of the

However, there is apparent only one other trick to full enjoyment of the Escort's continuous variable transmission - and that is to keep it going



Ford's CVT gearbox: a long way from the Daf Variomatic

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ised the Escort had lost all

forward momentum, the auto-

matic gearbox had clearly

shattered and the inner work-

ings of the car were disman-

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Vahid Daemi: "Very few firms take the subject seriously"

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still regard driver training as

an expense as opposed to an

investment," says Vahid

Daemi, Lease Plan's manag-

ing director. "Yet nothing

could be further from the truth, as the more far-sighted companies are discovering." The evidence comes from a Lease Plan study, which found

that 42 per cent of accidents reported to fleet managers last ear were classed as "avoidable". In other words, the driver was careless or inattentive. The cost of those accidents is huge: Lease Plan says that repairs averaged £683 per car last year, compared with £633 the year before.

COUPLED with the rising cost of claims, that should be setting fleet managers thinking hard. In no other area of company spending would costs be allowed to be so uncontrolled.

Daemi says: "The figures are compelling, but when we asked how many companies actually carry out driver train-ing of any kind we were stunned by the results. Very

In fact, only 44 per cent of big companies with more than 5,000 employees have offered training, and even among those, it has reached only an average 22 per cent of the workforce. The figures plum-met the smaller the business: only 19 per cent of companies with 1,000 to 5,000 employees offer training, 10 per cent of those with 50 to 250 people and 4 per cent of businesses with

fewer than 50 people.
"There is a direct impact on costs here which companies are not tackling and which they could easily do something towards," adds Daemi. "But more than that. Training leads to more skilful drivers who take pride in their motoring and enjoy their time at the wheel, testing themselves and their abilities against what

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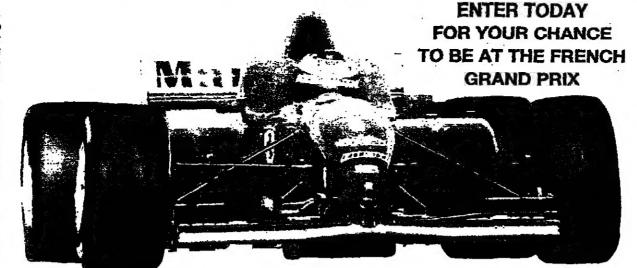
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His velvety but mischievious tones first came to prominence on Sports Report on Radio 2. The face behind the voice is on show each Sunday as presenter of BBC Television's Rugby Special. He is now to to be anchorman on Radio 5 Live's first national roadshow next week to celebrate the station's first two years.

When did you first learn to drive?

Driving my father around the bend in Gloucestershire. Within 10 minutes of my maiden voyage I had a blue flashing light whirring behind me dinanding that I pull over. I had indicated right and turned left when there was a police car directly behind us. They let me go when they knew I was still wet behind the ears.

What was your first car?

A Cortina Mark II, which I bought for £200 and sold some months later for a new copy of the Alan Parsons Project album. I was lucky to get that for it. I was working on the Lincolnshire Echo on the early morning shift and ubstrlutely nothing was happening. I rang the fire brigade in the vain hope they might have a paragraph at least. All they had was a battered old Cortina on fire. I ran out of the office, past the cathedral, to where I had left it. My worst fears were confirmed. At least 25 per cent of it had gone up in flames when the petrol tank exploded.

What car do you drive now, and why?

A Vauxhall Astra. It is practical for London driving but, if I am brutally honest, characterless and functional, which is why I loathe it.

Do you like driving?

Yes, then I'm not in a rush, I hate it Old Trafford-style roar.

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when I am. What I like best is driving holidays in places like South Africa or Ireland. All those long stretches of uncluttered roadways.

What is your most hated car?

The Volvo Estate. Once you have one you have booked your passport for middle age. I don't need one yet.

What is your dream car?

The E-type Jag. It is truly the only car ever made which has made me think: I want one. A man at my rugby club proudly showed off his new E-type last Friday. He had bought it for £36,000. I kicked a ball off the pitch into the car park by the side. It landed right in the middle of the bonnet.

What is your worst habit in the car?

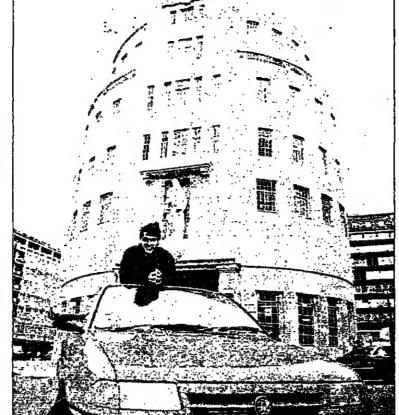
I always leave my briefcase open on the passenger seat so that I can pay bills and answer letters when I am stuck on the Marylebone Road. It is a disgraceand dangerous habit. But the Marylebone Road and the Westway are the two most odious pieces of tarmac I know. It is the only way I stay

What infuriates you most about

When they block access roads, drive slowly on motorways and rubberneck at accidents. What is the matter with

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

I filed a football match report for a station, which will be nameless -Lincoln City - from the car purporting to still be at the ground. I had the radio on in the background for sound effects. Fortunately, the team was Boston United, so I did not have to produce an



John Inverdale and his "characterless, but practical for London" Astra

Have you ever had points on your licence?

radio and woke up on a dark Decem-

ber morning at 6am and thought I had

missed the start of the show. I jumped

out of bed, threw on a tracksuit.

jumped into the car half asleep and

pulled off. Alas, 100 yards later, I had

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to that, Radio 5 Live (of course) and sundry cassettes I unearth from the chaos of the car from days gone by. Sadly, three. Ten years ago, I was presenting a breakfast show on local

lf you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

Ban all cars from the Marylebone Road and the Westway. Except mine. What is your favourite/ most hated

car advertisement? points for driving without due care and

The VW one where the guy drives off the top of a building. It makes me feel sick, even though the VW Golf was the

Stuart Birch ponders the identity of BMW's new 3-series

Is it a saloon? Is it an estate? No, it's a Touring

The motor industry has a wonderful way with words. It is called autospeak. Carmakers have long known how certain words conjure up an image in the minds of a potential buyer

- Roadster, Cabriolet, Coupe (which is sometimes misused) Grand Tourer, and that old favourite of the 1940s and

1950s. de Luxe. But when a manufacturer creates a car which is really neither fish nor fowl (in an automotive sense, of course), a new word may be needed or an old one resurrected. BMW first put the word "Touring" on the tailgate of a semi-estate car in 1971 and used it again in 1988 for a 3-series car. Now there is a 5-series Touring and the latest 3-series can also be had in Touring guise.

The concept is a car which has some pretensions to being an estate without carrying capacity being a priority and has been influenced by design-ers who want fluid lines and an attractive, up-market, nonutilitarian image but with a clear element of practicality.

BMW is not the only company offering this type of car. Rover has the 400 Tourer, Audi the A4 Avant and Mercedes-Benz's new C-class, which arrives here in the summer. also conforms to the type, although the company refers

to it as an estate. The problem with a car like the BMW 3-series Touring is that it could be seen as a compromise, unable to satisfy

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It is quick, quiet, agile, well engineered, easy to drive, with good road manners, and is comfortable, despite very firm suspension.

In theory it should be spacious, but emerge from a supermarket, start piling in the plastic bags and the load area, with rear seats in place, fills up remarkably quickly; seemingly more so than with my own 3-series Coupe. BMW says the Touring has 13 cu ft of space to window level with the rear seats in place versus the saloon's 15.4 cu ft. But fold the

BMW 3201 TOURING

Price: £22,340. Engine: Six-cylinder: 24-valve, 1991 oc. 150 bhp. driving rear wheels. Five-speed manual

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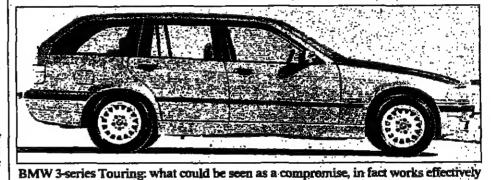
specific needs. In fact it works
effectively as a sort of elongated hatchback.

Touring's rear seats — an easy
operation — and there is a
maximum 46.6 cu ft to roof operation - and there is a maximum 46.6 cu ft to roof lining level. However, the Coupe's seats also fold to give a through-loading capability. I've carried carpets and trestle tables without difficulty.

Another point to consider is the Touring's looks. Regarded as an estate, it is handsome, but, of course, it is not really an estate car, says BMW. It is certainly not as attractive as the Coupé, which in my (biased) view is among the best looking cars on the road. But is the coupe really a coupe or just a two-door saloon?

eaving aside this business of what is or is not in a name, what I can say is that the Touring has all the dynamic delights found in almost every BMW model. Driving it is always a pleasure, never a chore. There is a choice of petrol engines from 1.8 to 2.8 litres, plus a couple of diesels. I tried the 2.0 litre, 24valve 6-cylinder which is a real smoothie, remarkably flexible and gives the car good performance and fine economy po-tential of around 30 mpg. The five-speed manual gearbox is one of the best in the business for change quality, but a fivespeed automatic is an option at

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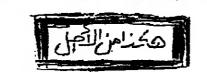
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A Campbell is coming again to claim another record. David Long reports

Assault on a battery speed challenge



Record-breaker extraordinary: Donald Campbell, who raised the land speed record to 400mph-plus, with Bluebird in 1962

new all-British at-tempt on the world land speed record is set to reunite three famous and historic names -Bluebird, Campbell and Pendine Sands. The Sussexbased team is aiming to smash the record for battery-powered vehicles by raising it to more than 200mph. The recordbreaker will use new technology which, according to its British backers, could revolutionise public acceptance of electric cars as a viable alternative.

The driver is to be Londonbased photographer Don Wales-Campbell, the latest in line of speed-obsessed Campbells who over three generations have between them broken nearly two dozen land and water speed records. Don's attempt will take place in early 1997, more than 70 years after his grandfather, Captain (later Sir) Malcolm Campbell, was first credited nun a new land speed record.

The occasion will also mark the 30th anniversary of the death of Don's uncle, also called Donald, who died while attempting to set a new world

water speed record. When he first broke the record, Malcolm Campbell was driving a huge 350 horsepower V12-engined Sunbeam and he subsequently became famous for a whole series of

record breakers, each of which

he christened Bluebird. In all Sir Malcolm broke the land speed record nine times (by 1935 he had taken it to more than 300mph) and the water speed record another four.

Campbell senior was succeeded on both land and water by his son Donald, who raised the land speed record to more than 400mph and captured the water speed record an incredible seven times. In 1967, while attempting to beat the latter once more, he was catapulted to his death in the Lake District. Yet another waterborne Campbell, Gina, later went on to set a new women's record.

Now Gina's cousin, Don Wales-Campbell, is preparing to wheel out the very latest in this long line of Bluebirds and to use it to win another outright speed record for the famous family. His vehicle is a slim, elegant wind-cheater that uses four liquid-cooled electric drives or pancake motors instead of sparks and pistons.

There is nothing new about using battery power to break records, and in the pioneering days of motoring the first record attempts all used electrity. In fact the early internal combustion engines barely got a look-in and until 1902 the world land speed record was held and broken by a succession of electric cars. The most famous was Camille



Jenatzy's cigar-shaped Jamais Contente, which managed a creditable 65.79mph. Even when the electric contenders were officially declared beaten, the car which finally managed to oust them was a French Serpollet powered not

by petrol but by steam.

Nearly a century later, the
British record for electric vehicles is still only 110mph, the world record less than 190mph. The team is confident that the new Bluebird will exceed both and it could, they say, even reach 250mph. That may look somewhat modest aloneside Richard Noble's su personic Thrust SSC project, but it offers them the opportunity to bring yet another famous name into the frame.

Precisely because the existing record for electric vehicles is comparatively low, the attempt can take place here in Britain. Noble and his team have had to decamp to the salt lakes of North America nowhere else can provide the necessary huge stretches of

smooth. flat terrain essential for 750mph-plus motoring but the Bluebird team are instead making tracks for one of the most romantic locations in early British motoring history. Pendine Sands on the Welsh coast near Carmarthen.

on and the car's creator, Nelson Kruschandl, are particularly pleased to have been granted permission to use Pendine Sands because it was here that the Sunbeam driven by Don's grandfather first entered the record books at 150.87mph. It was also on Pendine Sands that one of Britain's most famous early record breakers, the Higham Special affectionately known as Babs, raced in the 1920s.

With a sophisticated aluminium centre section and a the new Bluebird is strikingly different from these mammoth pre-war record-breakers. As

struction and excellent aerodynamics, it uses innovative energy-transfer technology developed by Kruschandl's company, Refuellance Vehicles, to drive all four

His partner in REV, John Gould, is a former racing driver and something of a Campbell enthusiast. On his office wall he has the actual china Bluebirds that once graced the wall in Sir Malcolm's own study, so it is perhaps no coincidence that REV's patented system, called Wolverine refuelling, has been made available to the Bluebird team specifically for the record

Kruschandl is confident, however, that his system has more far-reaching and practical applications than merely breaking records. He has already obtained financial backing from a major UK electricity supplier to develop his road-going version which, he believes, will offer the sort of range and performance reDR DASHBOARD

Sorry, we can't all go electric

Will the new Bluebird bring electric cars any closer for the rest of us?

There are two big prob-lems with electric vehi-cles: the weight of the batteries and their limited range.

But if an electric car can travel at 200mph. surely manufacturers can solve problems like that? A Designing a car for record-breaking wipes out one of those problems

straight away. It means it only needs a range of a few miles. But we've known about those problems for years. Why doesn't the Gov-

ernment encourage people to come up with a solution? That's a good question in this country. In France the government offers a £2,000 subsidy to purchasers of electric vehicles and in the US they can get income tax credits worth up to £2,700. The only incentive here is West-minster council's offer of a free parking place.

So who has made the greatest progress to-wards producing a proper electric car?

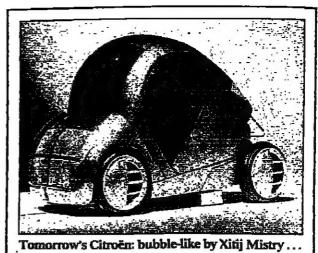
Mercedes is working hard on the problem, so is General Motors. In France Peugeot/Citroen has been testing the Tulip, a plug-in electric car with a range of 50-60 miles and a speed of 45mph.

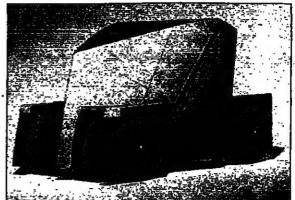
quired to compete with more conventional petrol-engined

"Our Wolverine system uses

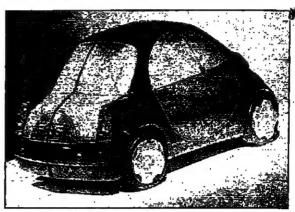
normal lead-acid batteries in an enclosed cartridge," he says. "This runs the length of the vehicle and has been designed for easy removal." Replacing the spent cartridge with a new one could therefore be undertaken in a normal filling station without the massive expenditure needed to establish a network of new recharging stations. "By swapping cartridges the vehicle can in effect be refuelled in a couple of minutes, just as you would fill-up a normal petrol or diesel-powered family car. and using the existing infrastructure of roadside garages." A second prototype is al-

ready being constructed to demonstrate how readily the system can be incorporated into a conventional family car. The Bluebird LSR attempt should provide a high-profile demonstration of this clever new technology.





... coming to a certain point by Bertrand Bach ...



.. and Noddy-influenced from Chang Hyup Back

Shaping up to the future of how Citroën will look

IS IT A bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a loaf of bread . . . or something. When design students are given their heads and told to draw the shapes of cars for the next century, they obviously throw out convention.

What they replace it with is a matter of conjecture, looking at designs entered by students from the Royal College of Art, Kevin Eason writes. They were asked by Citroen to produce "an imaginative and radical interpretation of the Citroen identity in the year 2010, elements of French cultural values as well as an historical appreciation of the marque"

The RCA is probably the top breeding ground for car designers anywhere in the world - but what emerged from the styling exercise would have left most ordinary car buyers slightly more than baffled.

This was clearly

piece rather than designs for a model in which I would go to the shops. One looked like an upright loaf with eggshall corners. another like a snail on

where these designs fit ato the daily grind of motoring around crowded streets with the kids screaming in the back and the Sainsbury's carrier bags tipping over, depositing their conover the boot. Come to think of it, the perts could ask that too.

But the students had their reasoning: George Sarida-kis, 24, from Edinburgh, says of his entry that its forms "reflect the discordant and contrasting nature of French culture, embodying surfaces and implication of volumes to create a personal interpretation of the Citroen spirit".







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